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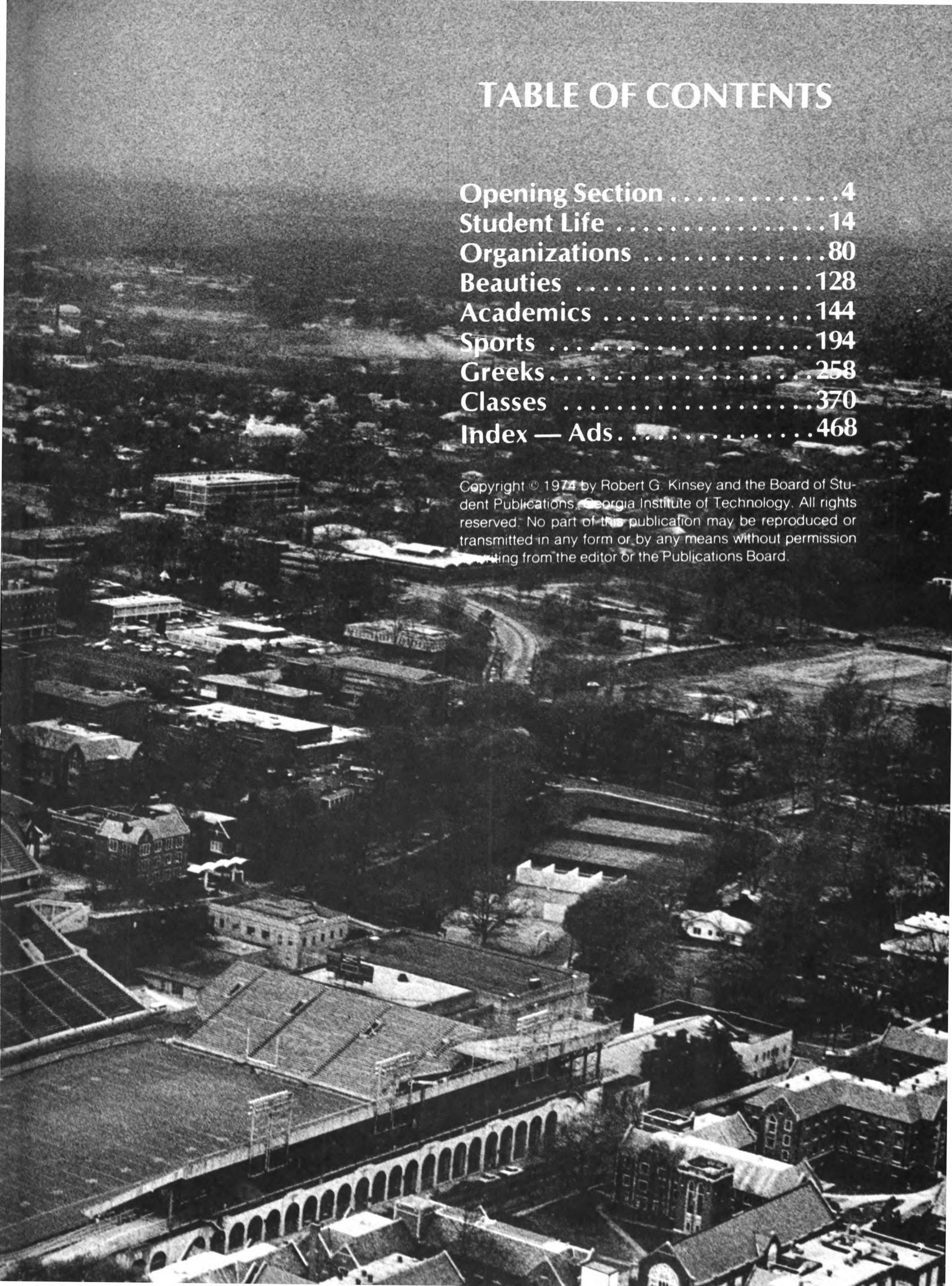




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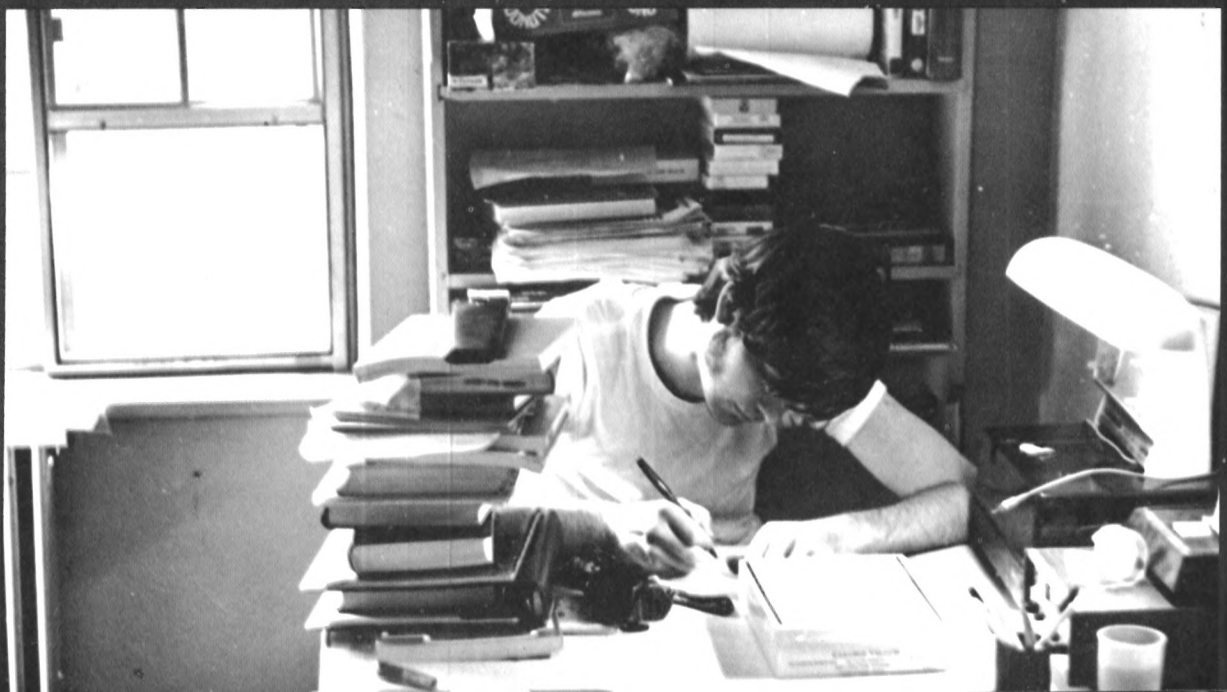
# Georgia Tech 1974: A School Like No Other















**Life at Tech can be tough. Frustration and disgust are often the only rewards for long hours of effort.**

**Academics: heavy course loads; the work and boredom of endless labs; being in competition with everyone else; the desperation of never having enough time. And hanging over each student, as if it were the only index of his human worth: the G.P.A.**

**Hard times are not limited to academics, however.**

**Georgia Tech registration, be it computer or manual, intimidates everyone sooner or later.**

**There is the frustration of trying to be a football power while boasting poor facilities and stringent academic requirements.**

**And, as most freshmen discover, there is the humbling experience of living in the Area I dorms.**

**Yes, life at Tech can be tough . . .**





. . . but it can also be great!  
The demands of Georgia Tech  
are so tremendous  
that when free time  
*is* available  
it is used and savored.

Homecoming typifies  
“good times” at Tech.  
It gives students the chance  
to be proud of school spirit,  
to build displays and Recks,  
and to party  
in marathon fashion.

Most of the time, however,  
enjoyment is simpler  
and more individualized, like  
soaking up the sun on a  
summer quarter afternoon — or  
getting together with friends  
in unlikely places  
at unlikely hours  
to empty a keg of beer.















**Frats and football: two Georgia Tech myths.**

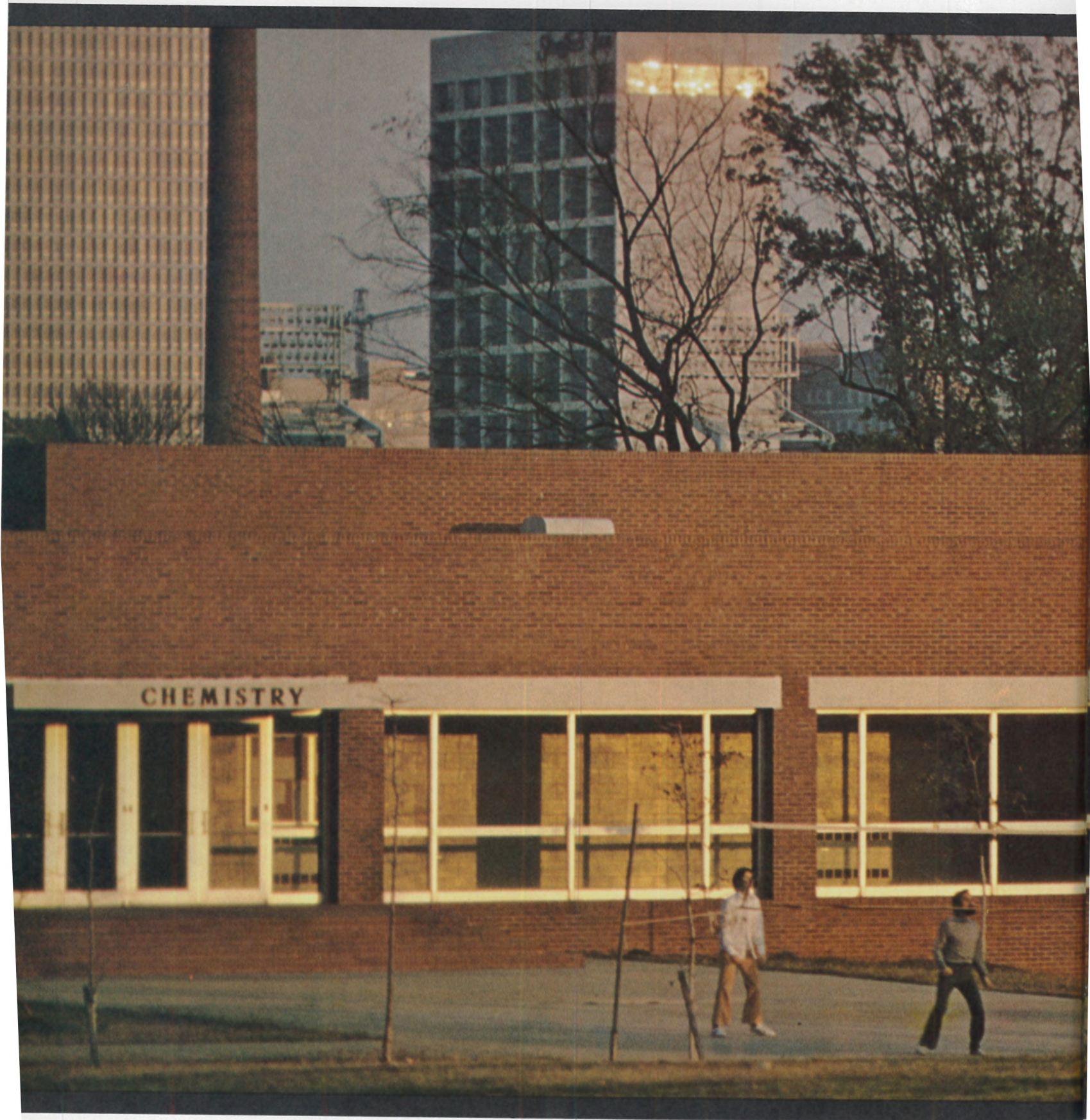
Fraternities still endure, despite the demands of academics. Hell-raising continues, but Greeks have outgrown the myths which tagged them as arrogant and ignorant.

Today's frat man can be characterized by this Pike: polite, well-liked, respected, and able to do well in school — as well as have a damn good time.

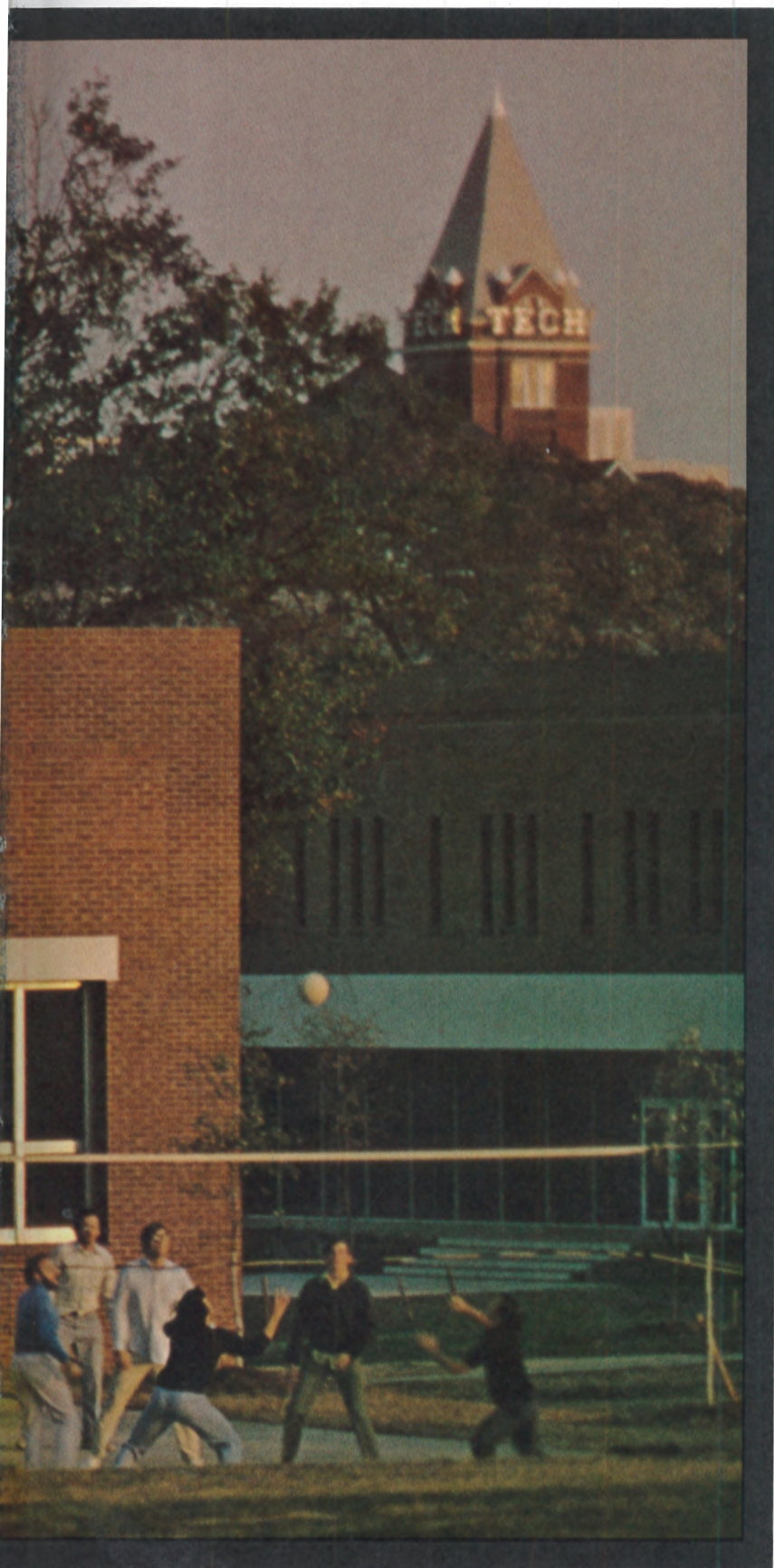
Football is another enduring Tech institution. One of the most persistent generalizations has been that of the "dumb jock." An example of how things have changed is number 64: on the field, an outstanding offensive guard; off the field, an honor student in a science major.









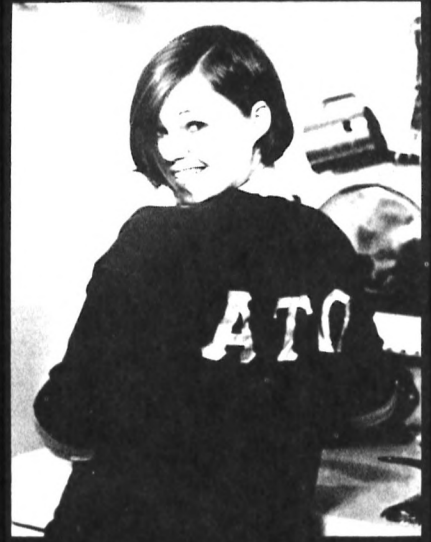


But the biggest myths  
are about the school itself —  
its engineering reputation,  
its shaft profs, what it means  
to be a Ramblin' Reck . . .  
To say the least,  
Tech means different things  
to different people.  
One thing is certain:  
whatever we become in the future  
we will owe in large part  
to what we have gotten from  
Georgia Tech today.









# • STUDENT LIFE •





## Tech Kisses Off Another Year

A student's life at Georgia Tech is one in which that intangible quantity of "Time" is sought after but never found. Even at a school such as Tech, there has never been an equation derived, nor a process developed, whereby time could be slowed on the weekend and accelerated during the week.

Every quarter begins with the homework problems, term papers and finals lying in the distant future. Time seems to move more quickly as the quarter progresses. Suddenly, that term paper is due tomorrow, and you have four chapters to read in course 4302-2A7-1, *after* you finish those six Thermo problems. The familiar cry of "*I've got plenty of time,*" is lost amid the rubble of crumpled papers, old cigarettes, and empty coffee cups. Somehow, the work seems to get finished, and the student makes it through another quarter.

The mental salvation of many a Tech student has been the on and off campus activities. The Raft Race, Greek Week, Football Games, Homecoming, Winter Festival, or Graduation has brought the student back to reality and away from the Theory of Relativity.

Perhaps the only hope lies in having President Nixon extend the day from twenty-four to thirty-six hours. Why not? He's already managed quite a few impossibilities this year.









## Techmen Fight Spring Fever With Friendly Competition













## Field Day Livens Up a Lazy Summer





A Time for Traditions:  
Fall Colors,  
Homecoming Concert . . .















. . . Imagination  
in Paper  
and Steel . . .





. . . Triumph in the Trikin' Spirit









## Brinkley and Blood Drive Get Tech's Circulation Going









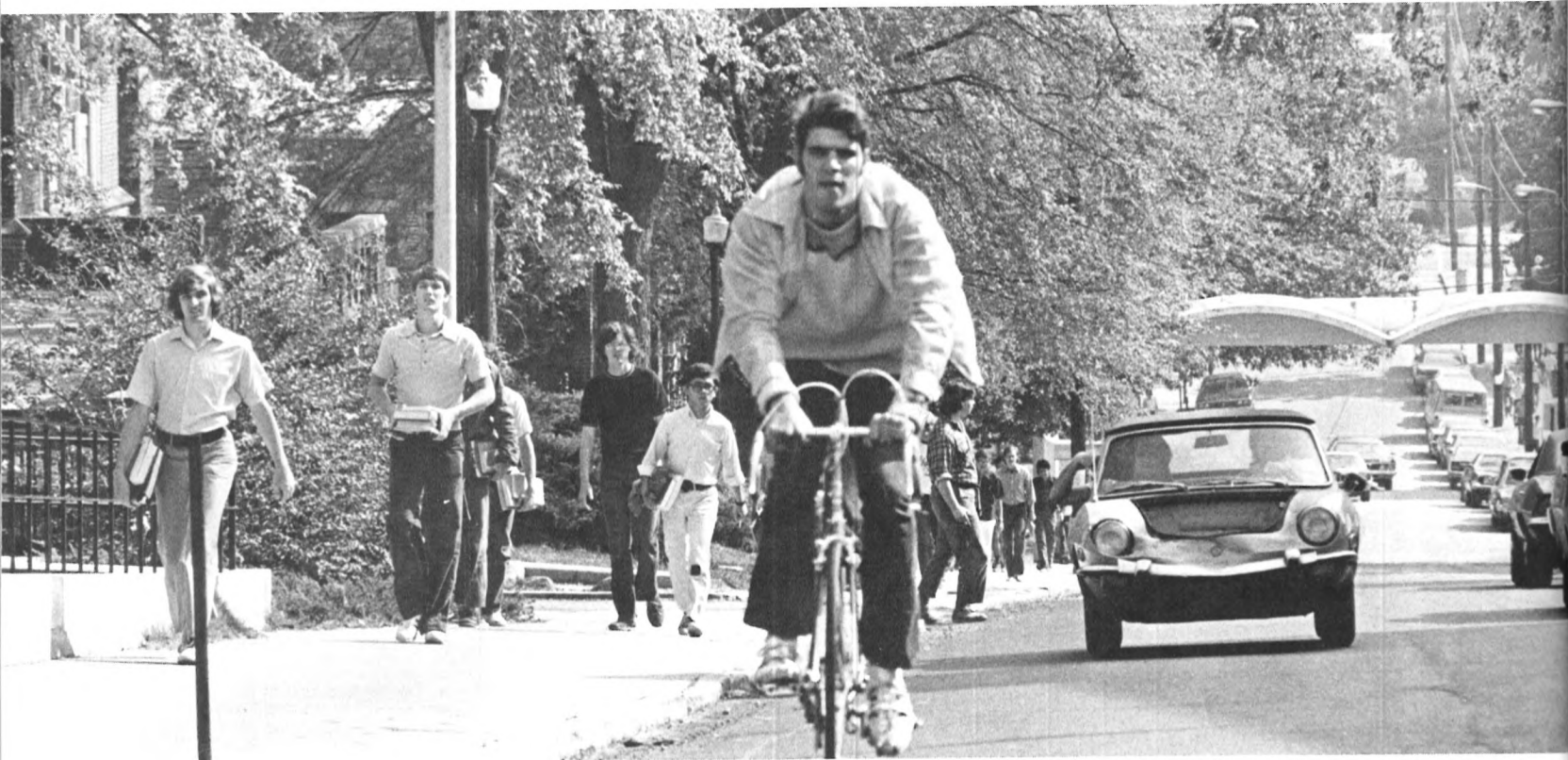




## Lively Diversions Remedy Winter Blahs



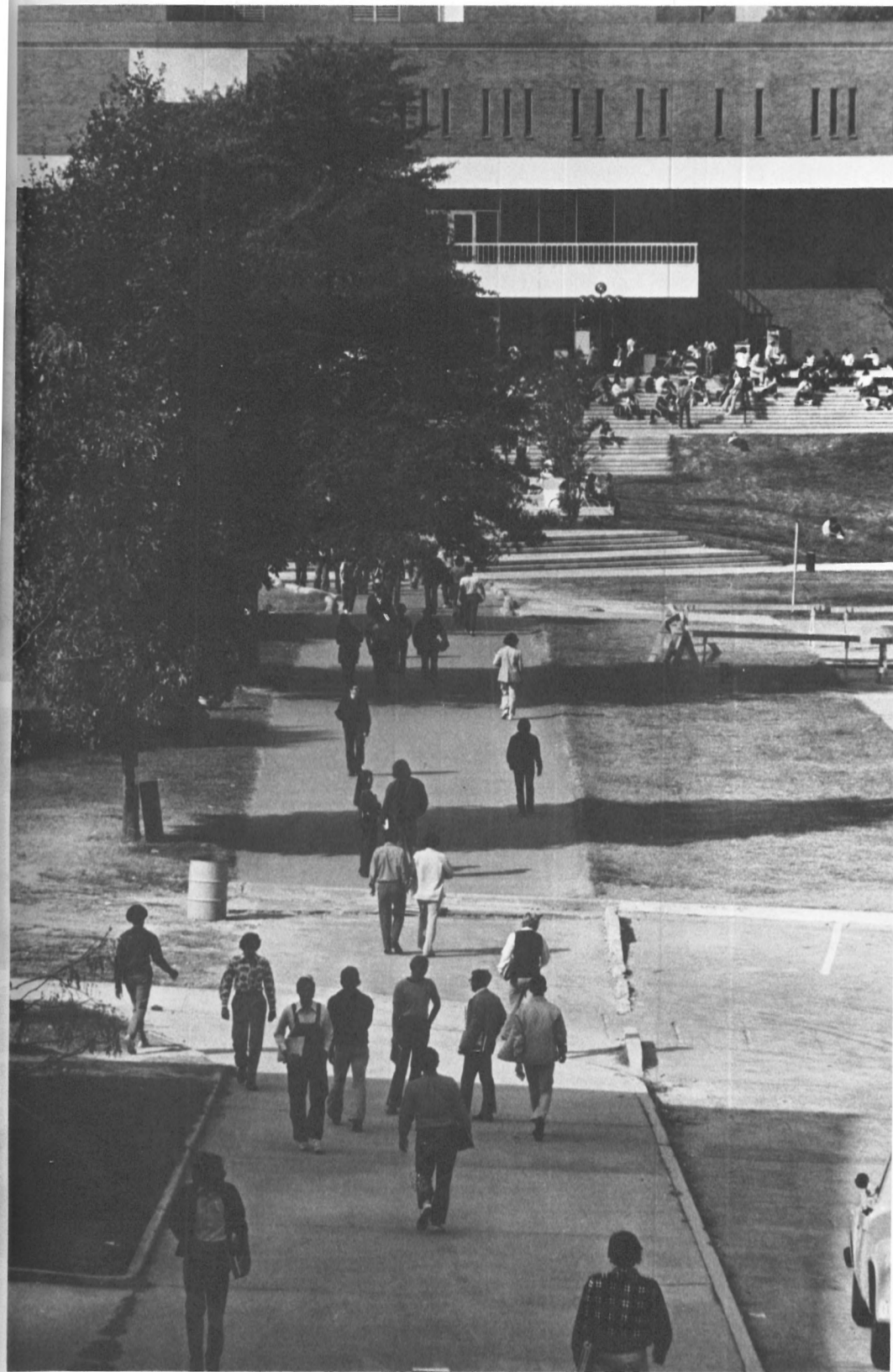




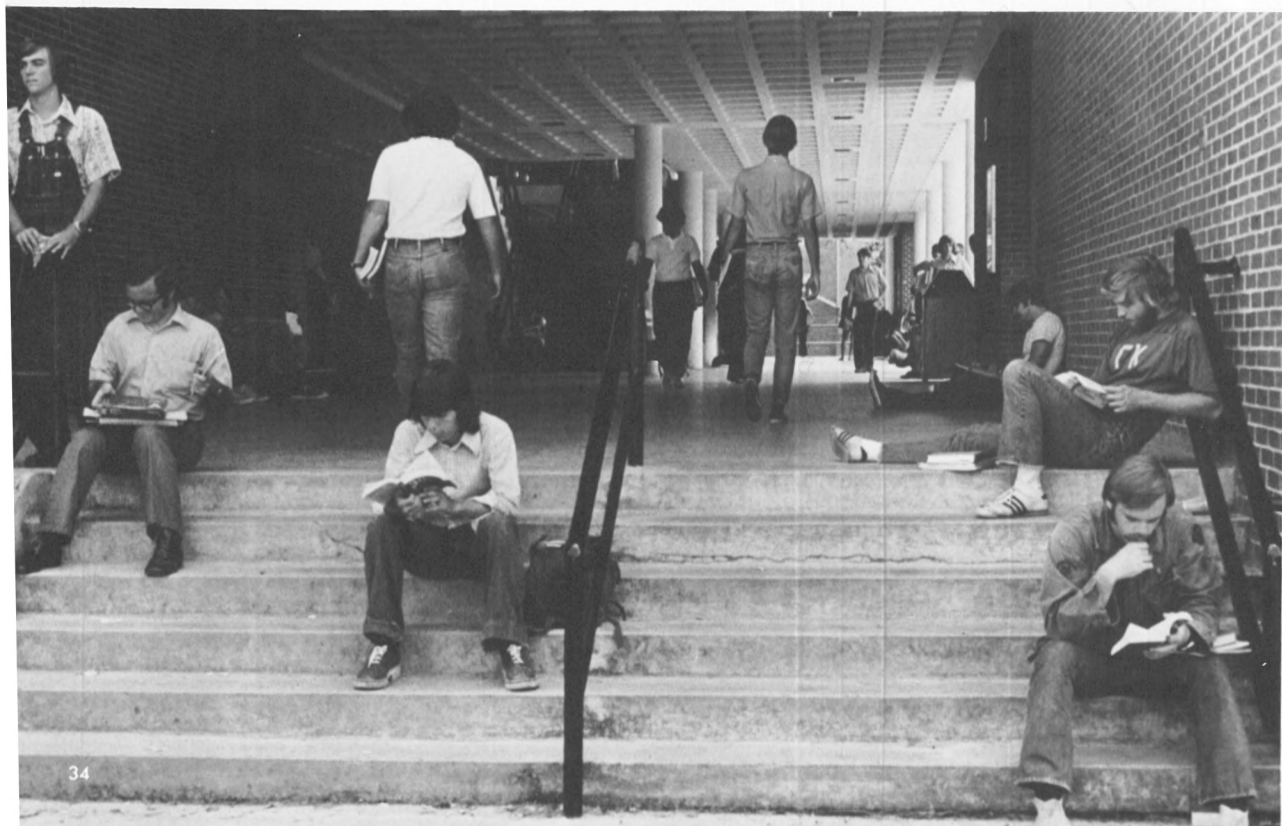
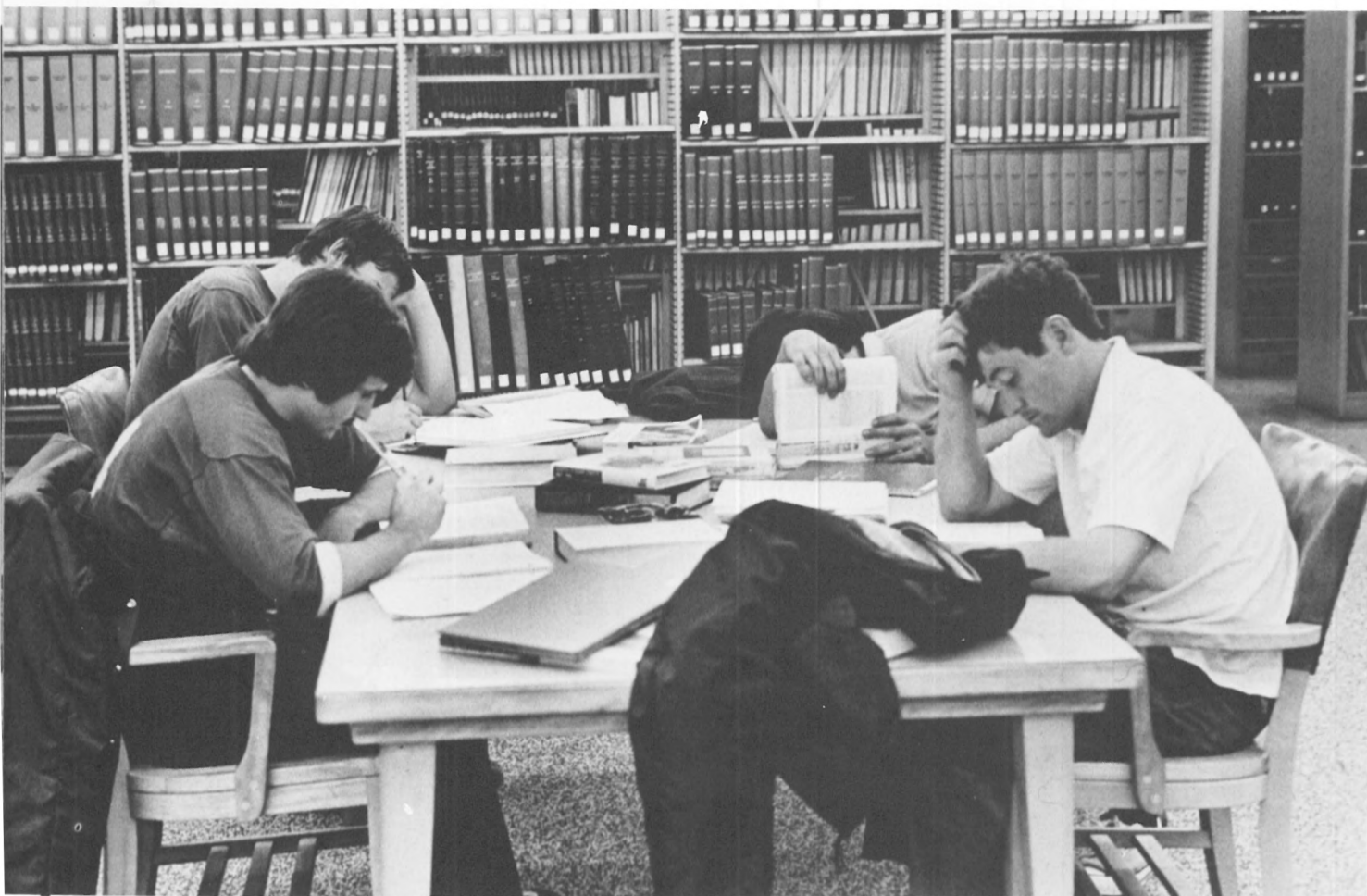


## What Goes Up, Must Come Down

All Tech students must inevitably face the Hill. In their pursuit of knowledge, they travel up the steep incline. Some energetic types cycle up the Hill, while some ride up in cars or the Stinger, but most bookladen students walk. Regardless of their means of transportation, they all face long lectures, trying quizzes and dedicated but unsympathetic Profs. But, once they're there and face the academic abuse, the only way left to go is down, down to the Student Center . . . or wherever, to relax.





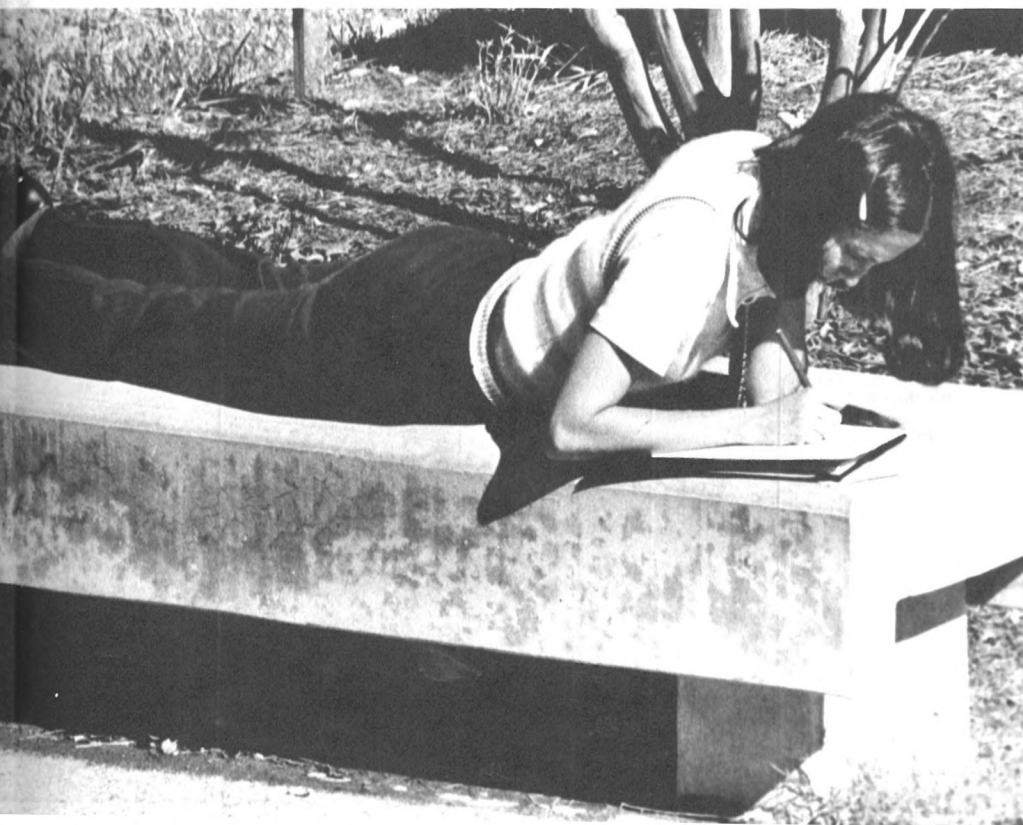






## Time to Cram or Time to "Cram It"

Tech students quickly learn that studying is a fact of life. It is essential for success and even survival at Tech, and like everything else around here it can be expressed by a formula:  $S = CG$ , where studying is equal to grades multiplied by a constant. Consequently, the library is a hotspot Monday thru Thursday; students labor there for hours over textbooks, struggling through theorems and equations in preparation for the "big" test. However, when the monotony and confinement of indoor study becomes a grind, the Tech student likes to pack up and head outdoors, where he can get some fresh air and pretend to study. But no matter how much studying is or is not done, there are always a few minutes for cramming.

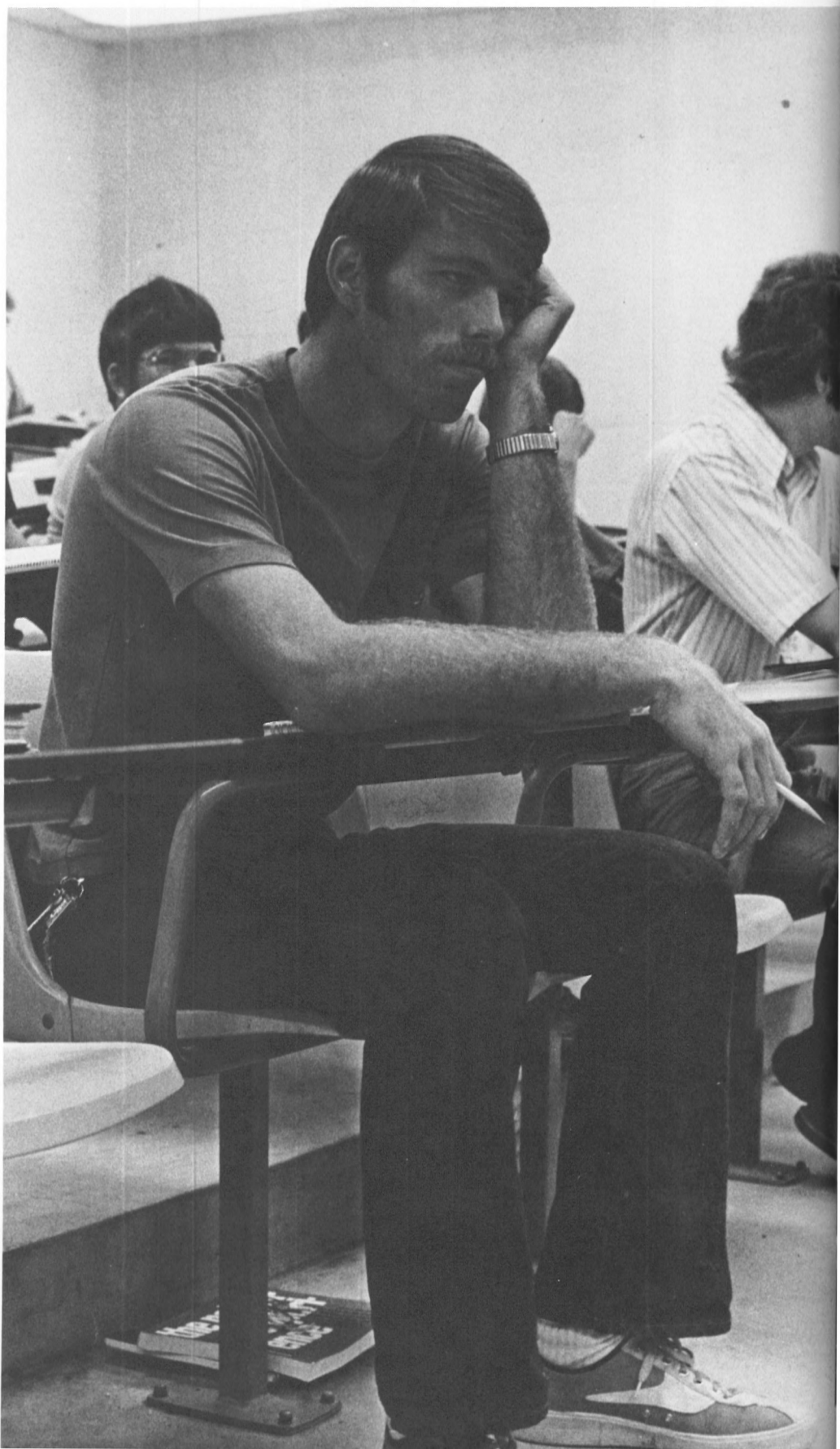




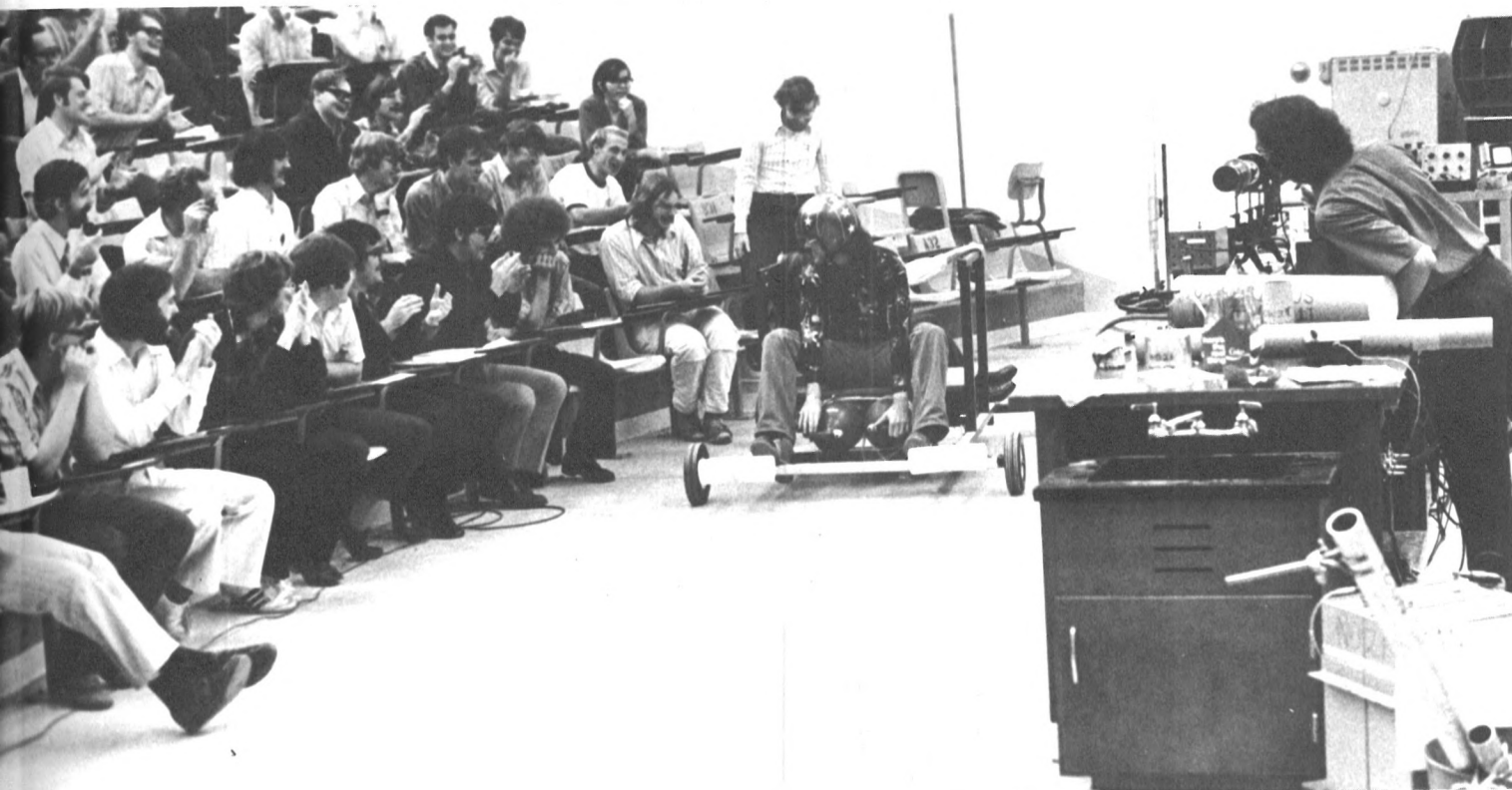
## It's Time for Class . . . Again

There are two types of lectures at Tech: bad and worse — unless you are one of the lucky ones that have an interesting speaker. Naturally, the attitude of the student is proportional to the effectiveness of the professor.

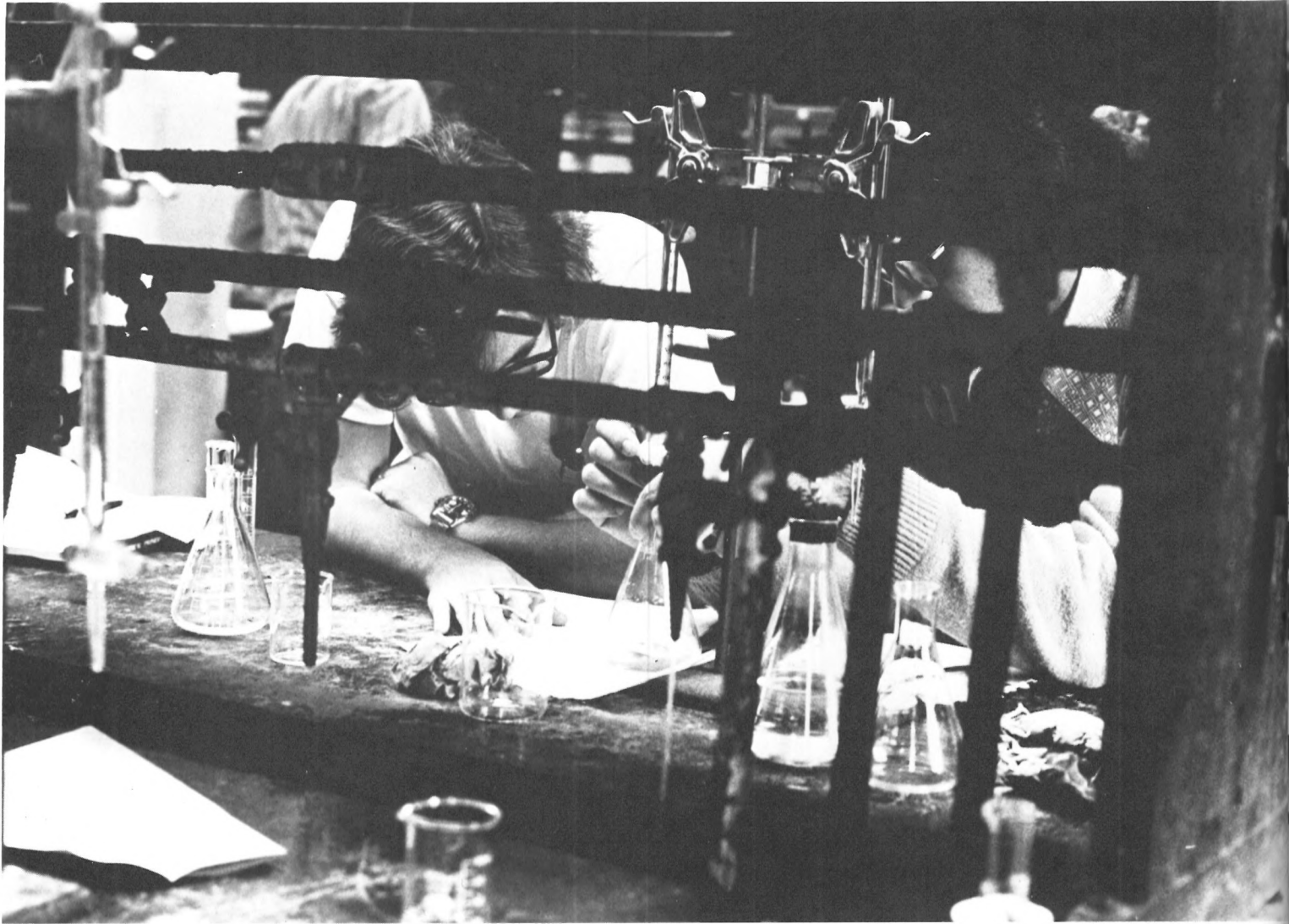
Some professors have attempted new ways of presenting the basics of a course, and the others, well . . . the others always will be the same.









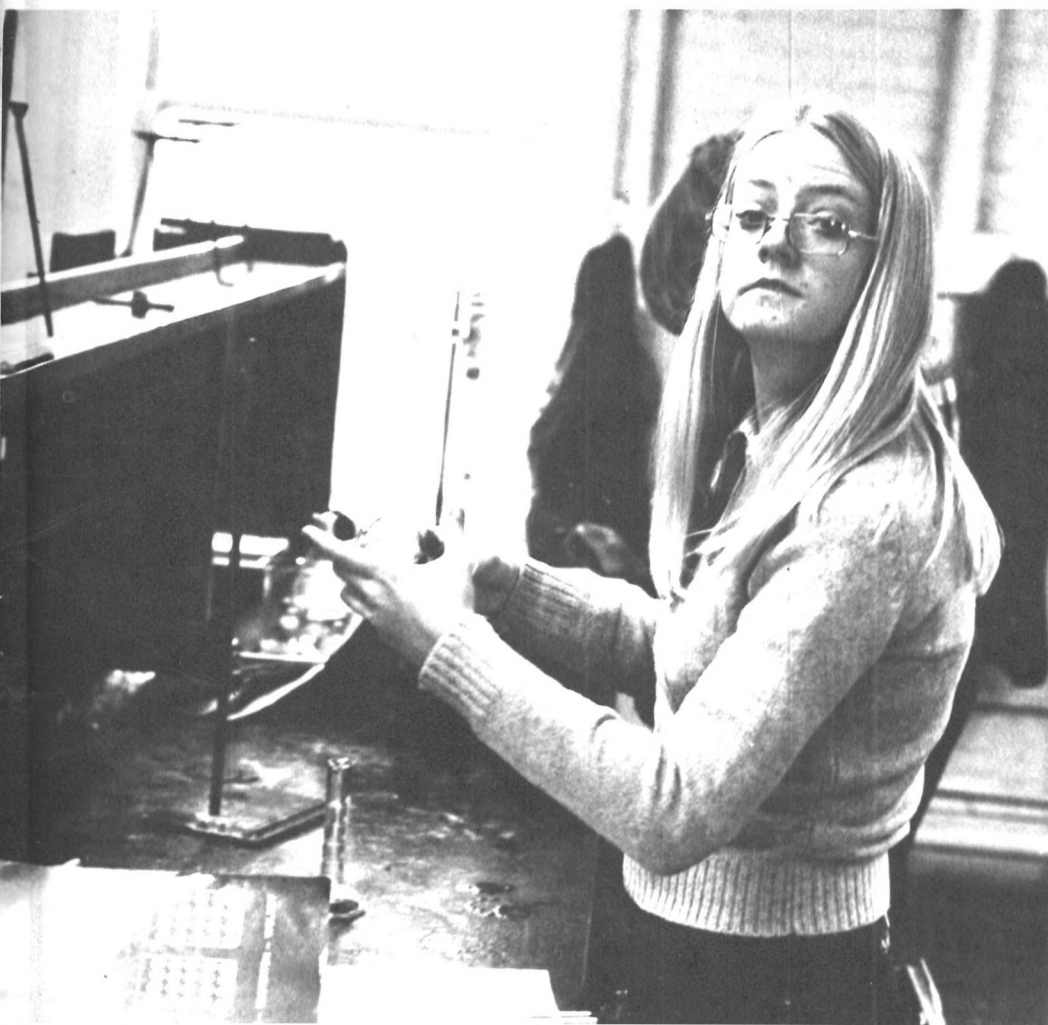




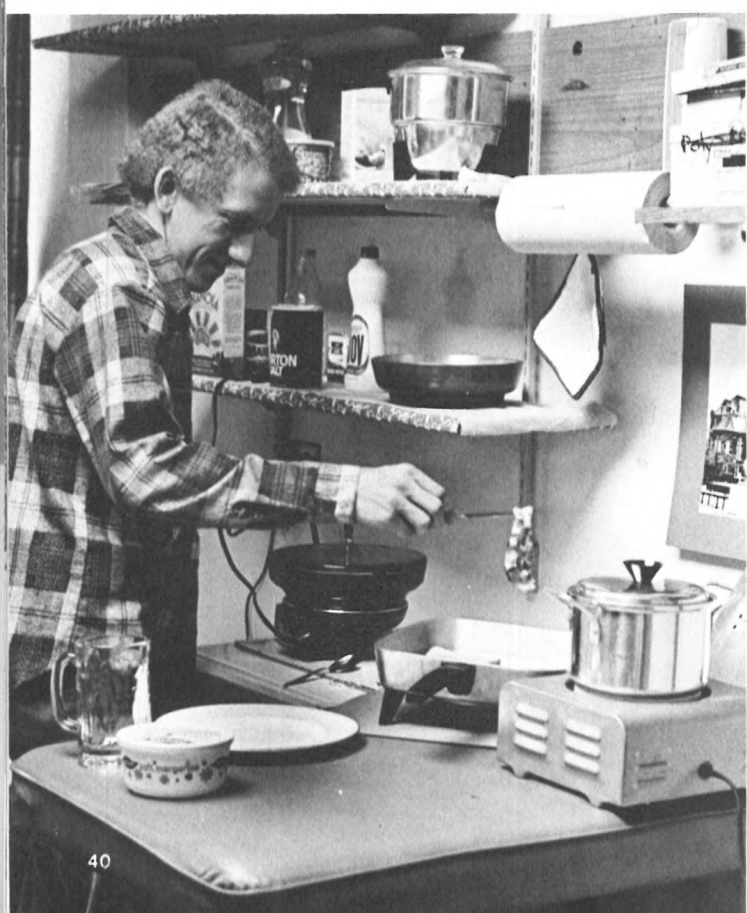


## Labs Cure Afternoon Happiness

Generally, two theories are held concerning lab. One is the official educational view: laboratory sessions provide practical experience to supplement theoretical knowledge. The other is the usual student view: labs are three or even six hours of afternoon hurry, worry and frustration. The truth about labs, as always, lies somewhere in the middle of these two views: labs are a very educational rip-off.











## Dorms Provide Unique Living Experiences

Dorm living is one of the many curses of college life fabled to be a valuable experience. If learning to barely survive in a completely depressing room, to sleep while ten drunks are roaming through the hall, and to enjoy sharing a bathroom with fifty strangers is important, then maybe it is such an experience. Most dorm residents would disagree.

However, there are those unforgettable times such as the midnight obscenity wars between dorms, the weekly fire-cracker spectacles, and of course the parties and card games. And, despite popular opinion, the dorm can even be a place to find a friend, to release the frustrations of the day, and to just possibly make a home which will finally give the Techman a sense of belonging in this often bewildering atmosphere.

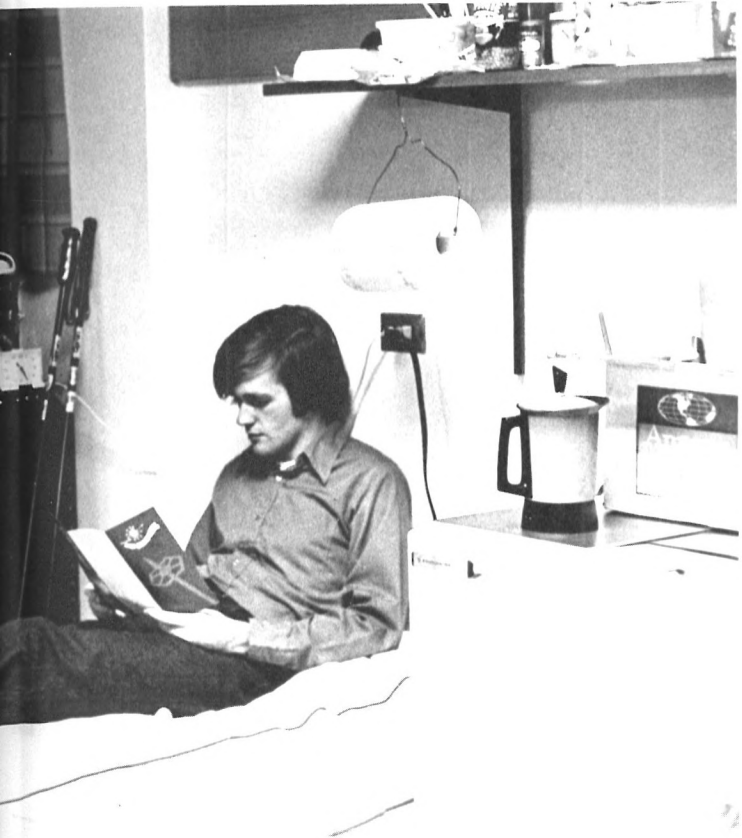




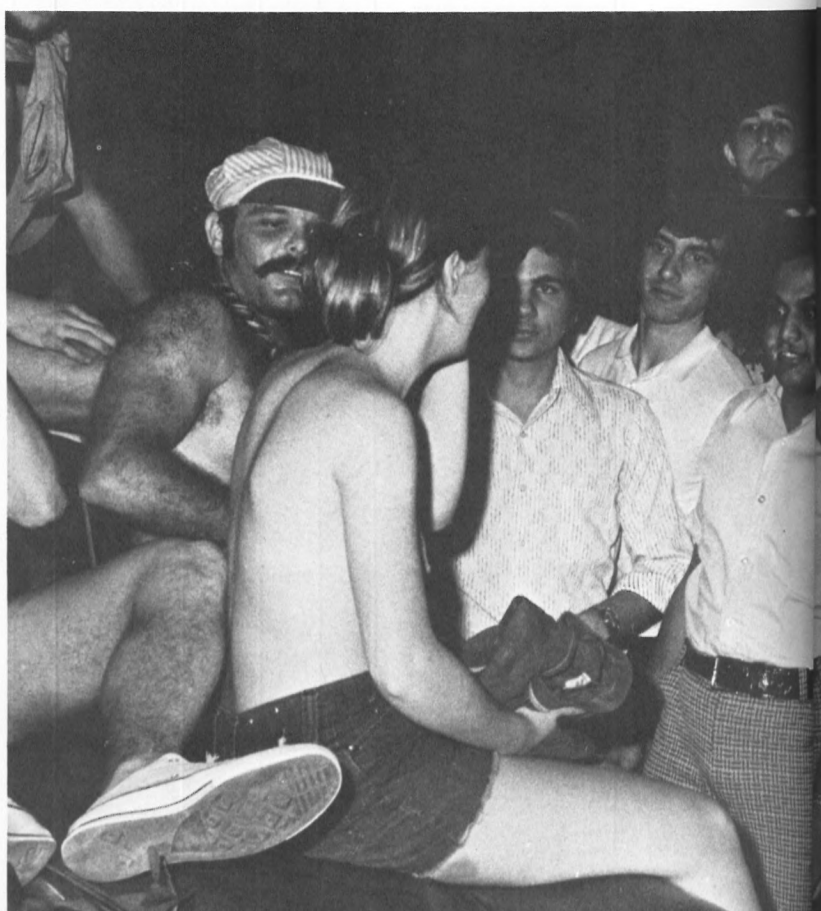
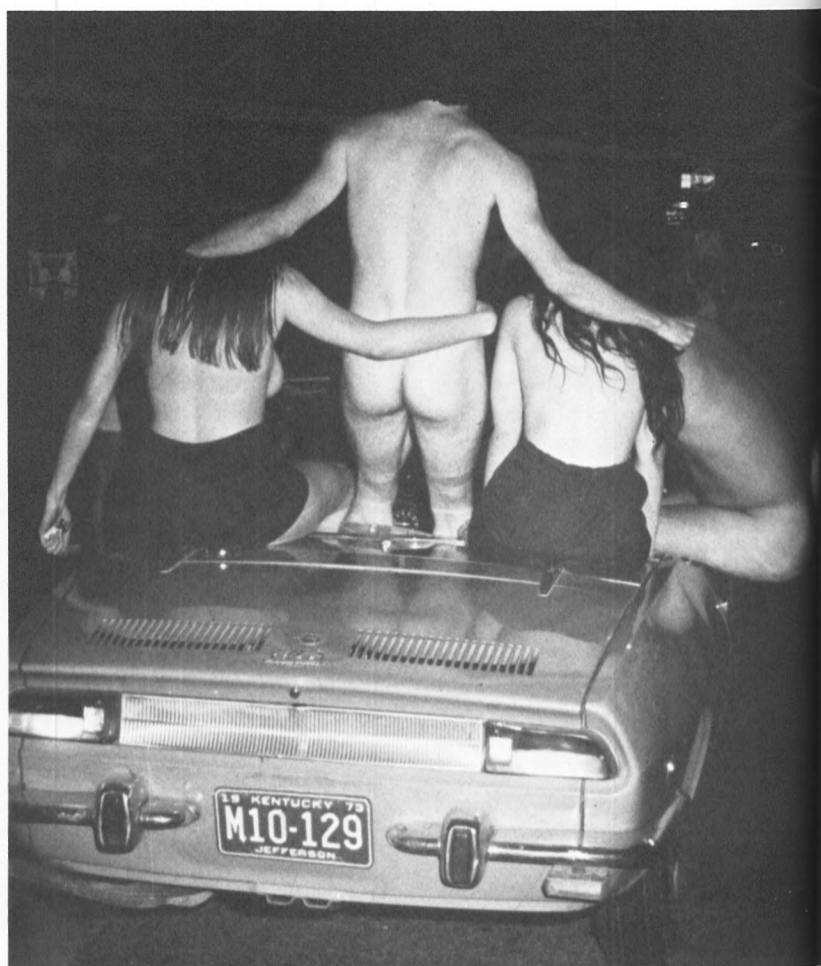
## Dorm Residents Practice Creative Living



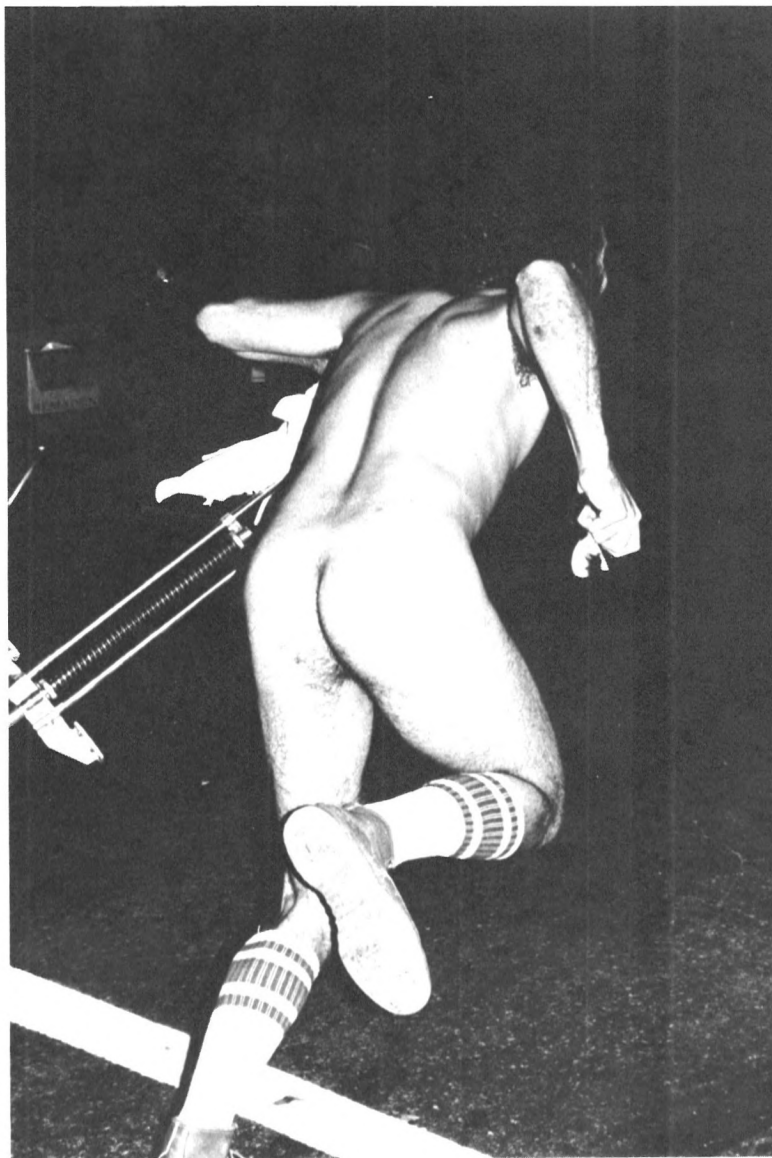
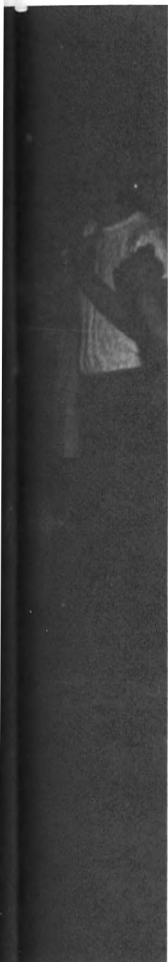










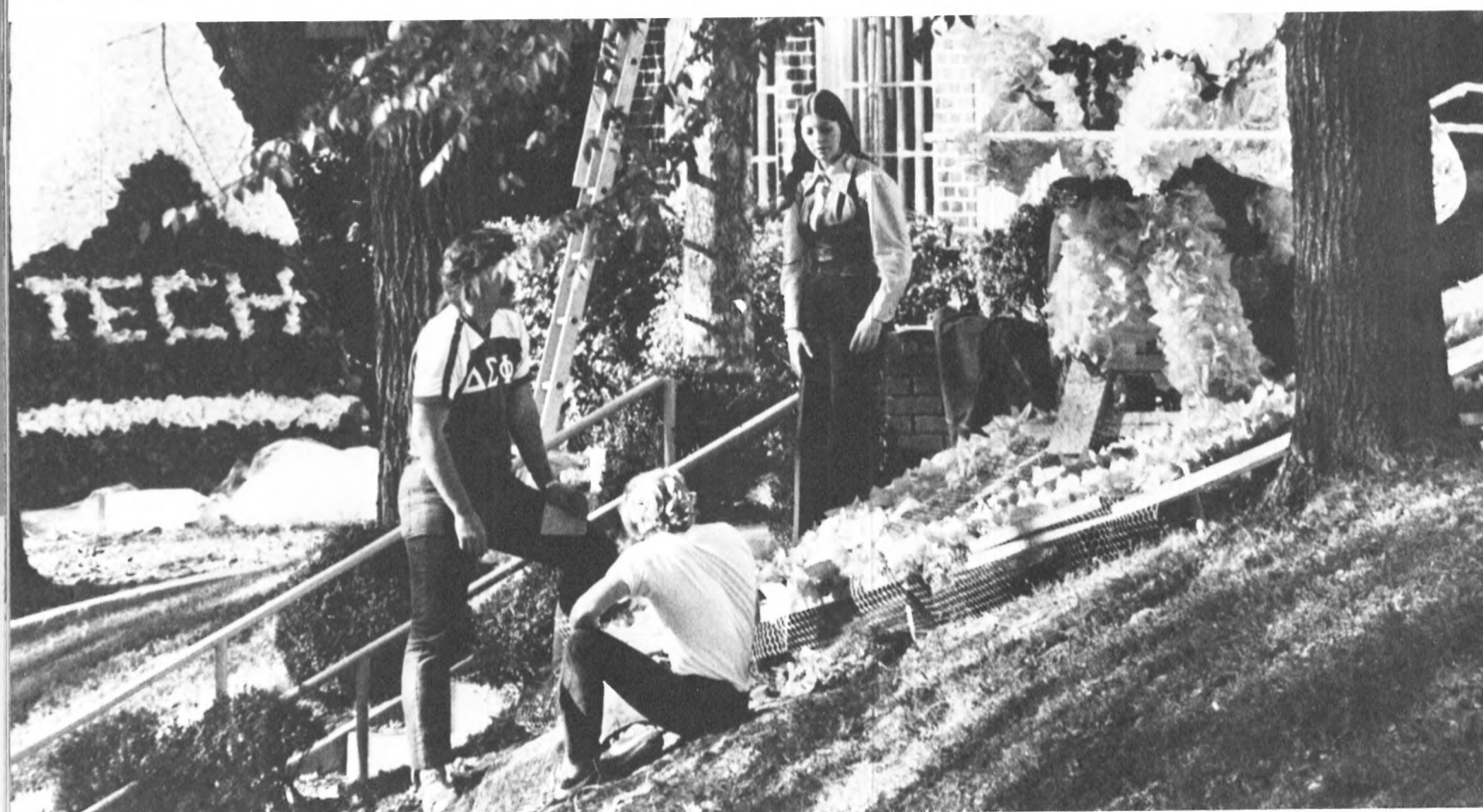


## Streaking: Seeing Is Believing

Warm weather, the threat of coming exams, and everyday frustrations finally combined to drive Tech to the madness of streaking. For weeks the news of streaking at other colleges had been filtering in, but no one really thought that it would happen here. Tech is apathetic, boring, and too lazy, isn't it? Well, Tech once again managed to defy popular opinion. The thrill of running in the buff just happened to strike home, and for several nights the average student, if not streaking, was at least out with his beer on the street watching. For once, the Tech campus turned into a lively place where everyone was wearing a devious smile and where people suddenly seemed a little more friendly.











## Brotherly Ties Vitalize Tech

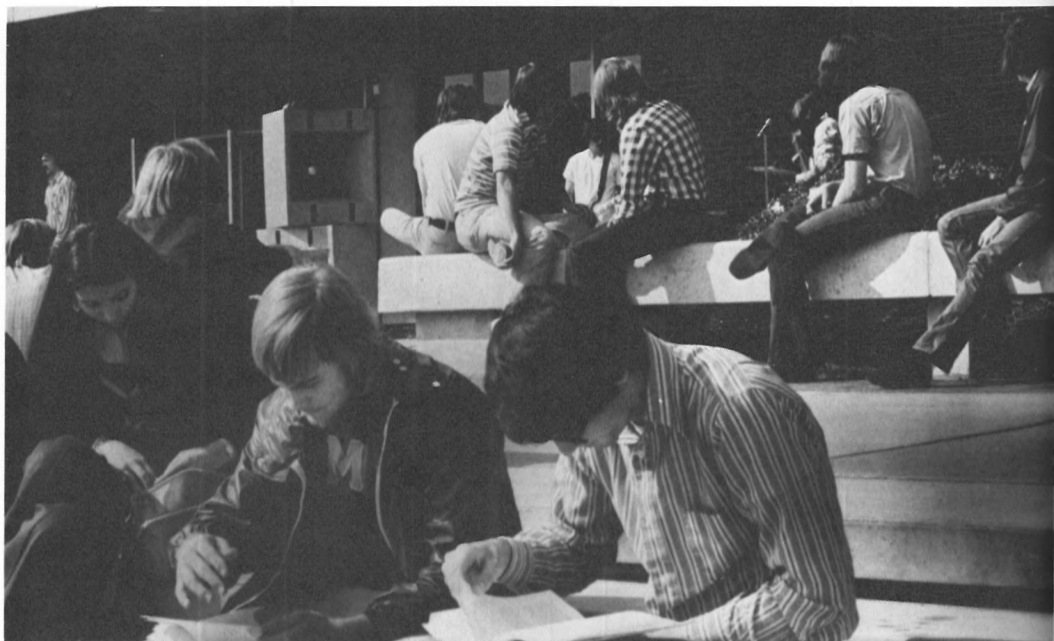
The Greek system at Tech is growing due to the support and dedication of the Greeks themselves. Whether it's the Mini-500, parties or rush, the students in sororities and fraternities have always exhibited enthusiasm and pride in both Tech and their respective chapters. A great deal of the success of such activities as Homecoming, concerts, intramurals, and student government is due to the time and leadership provided by the Greeks. It is evident that without the efforts of these students, campus life at Tech would be a little less dynamic.



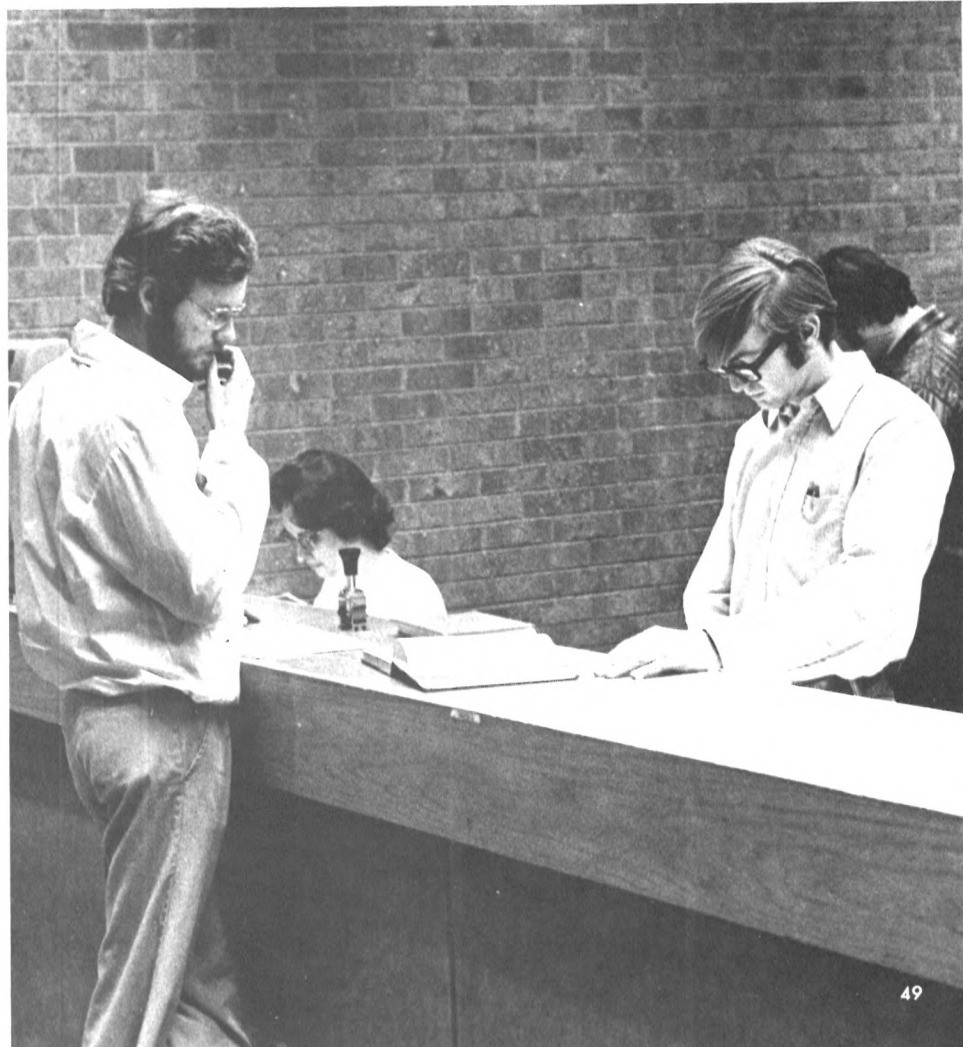
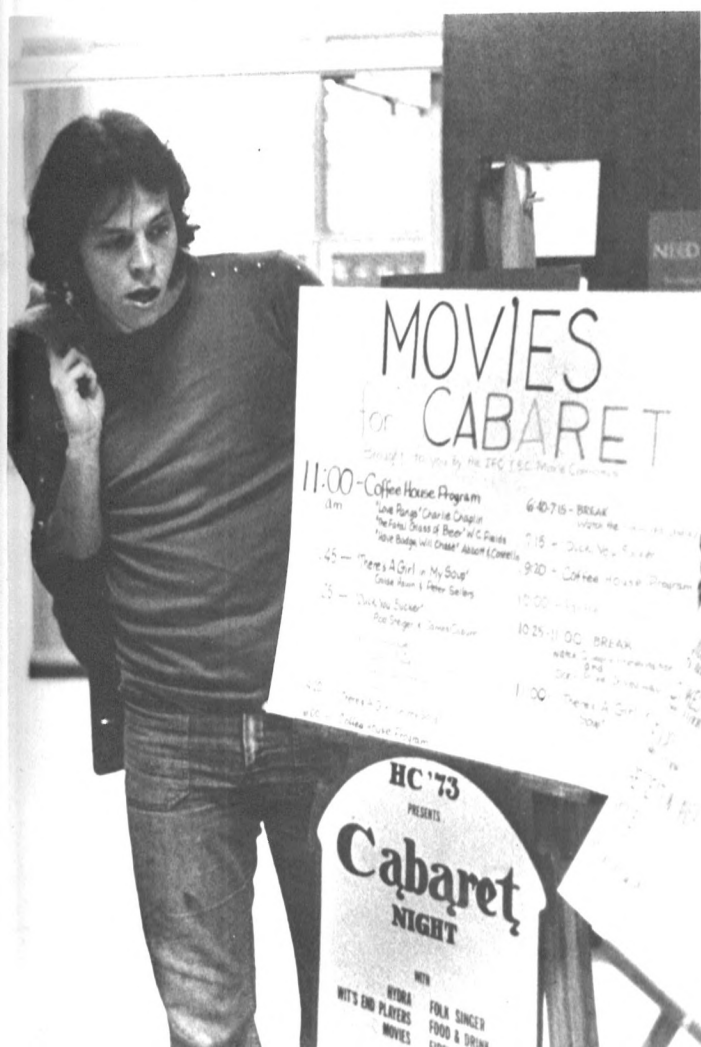
## Student Center Offers New Field of Study

Tech's Student Center provides the student an opportunity for development in such areas as Pool 2101, Foosball 1592 and Lower Grades 6522. To take course 6522 you must pass the following prerequisites: Cafeteria 4913, Record Browsing 4333, Programs and Publications 4295 and Empty Post Office Box 4715.

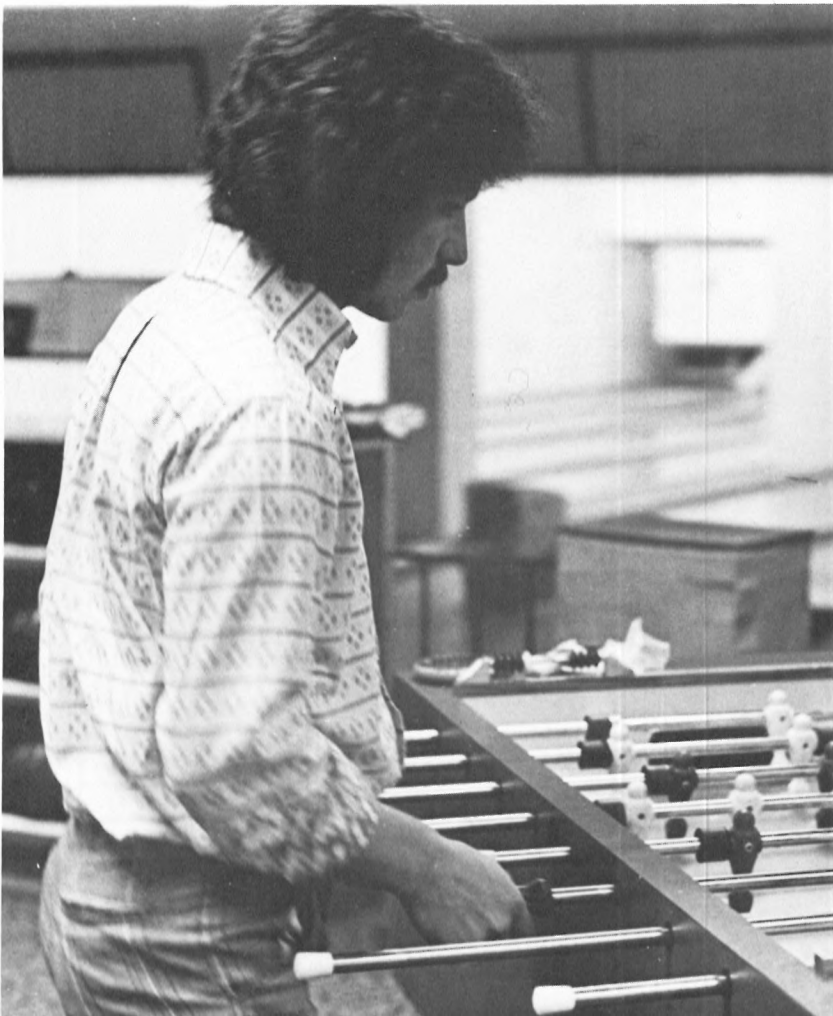
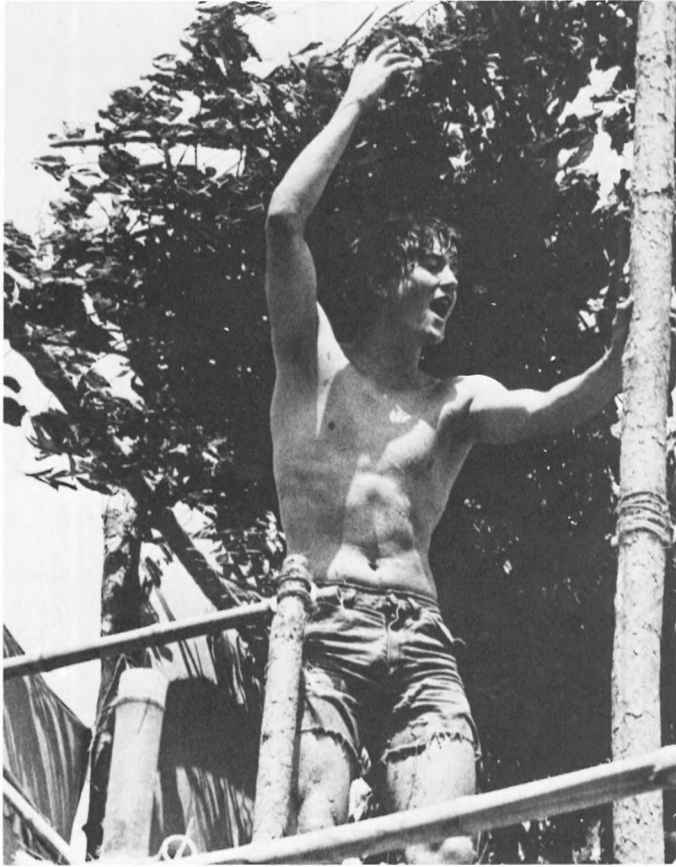
Only after all the above have been successfully completed will the student receive his degree in normalcy.















## Unique Individuals Create a Unique Environment

When people think of Georgia Tech they often make the mistake of classifying students as engineers, scientists, and economists. However, these collective terms are inadequate to describe Tech students; if nothing else, these "Rambling Recks" are individuals.

Because they come from different geographic locations and have differing backgrounds, each brings to Tech a unique set of attitudes and ideals.

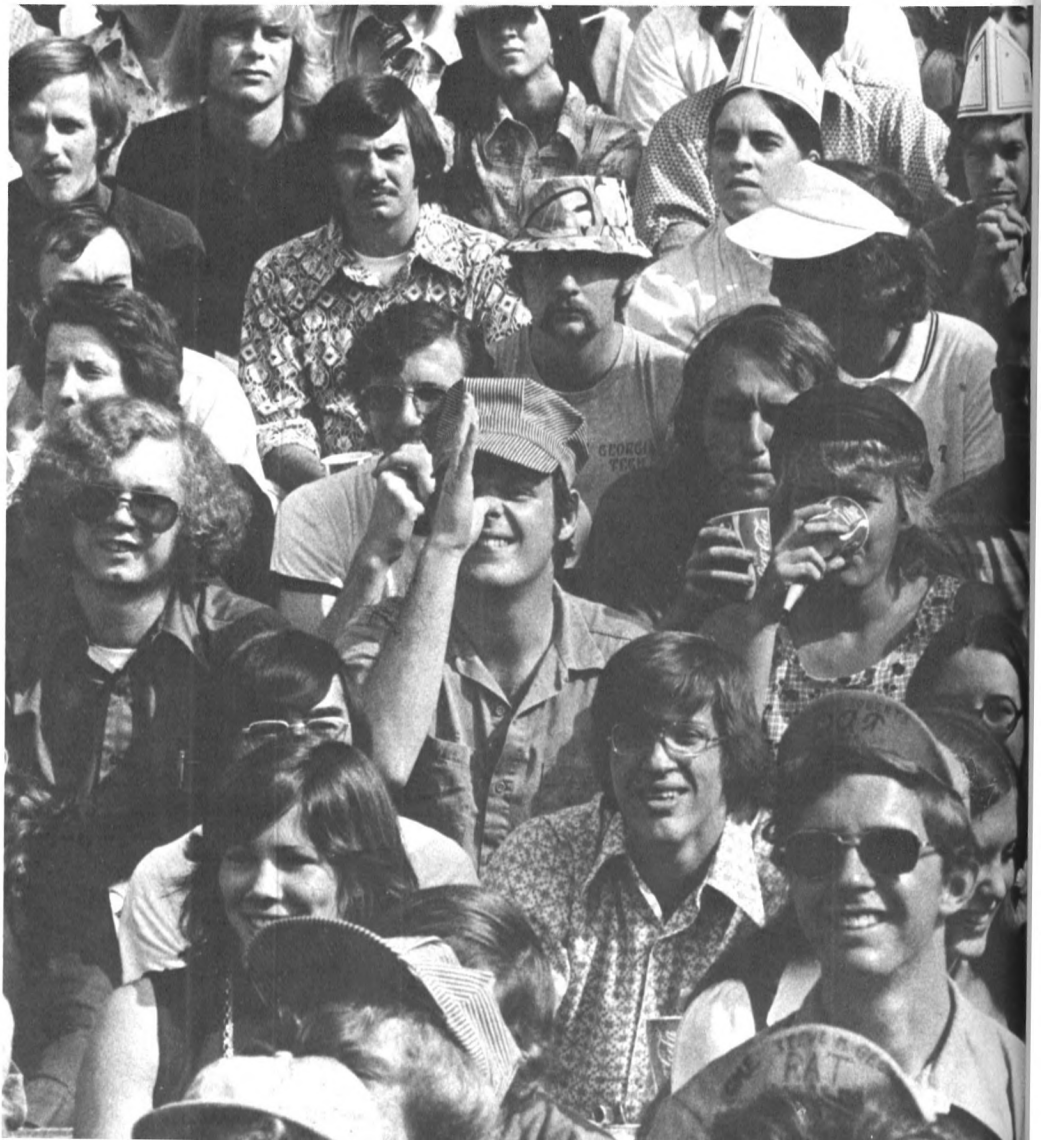
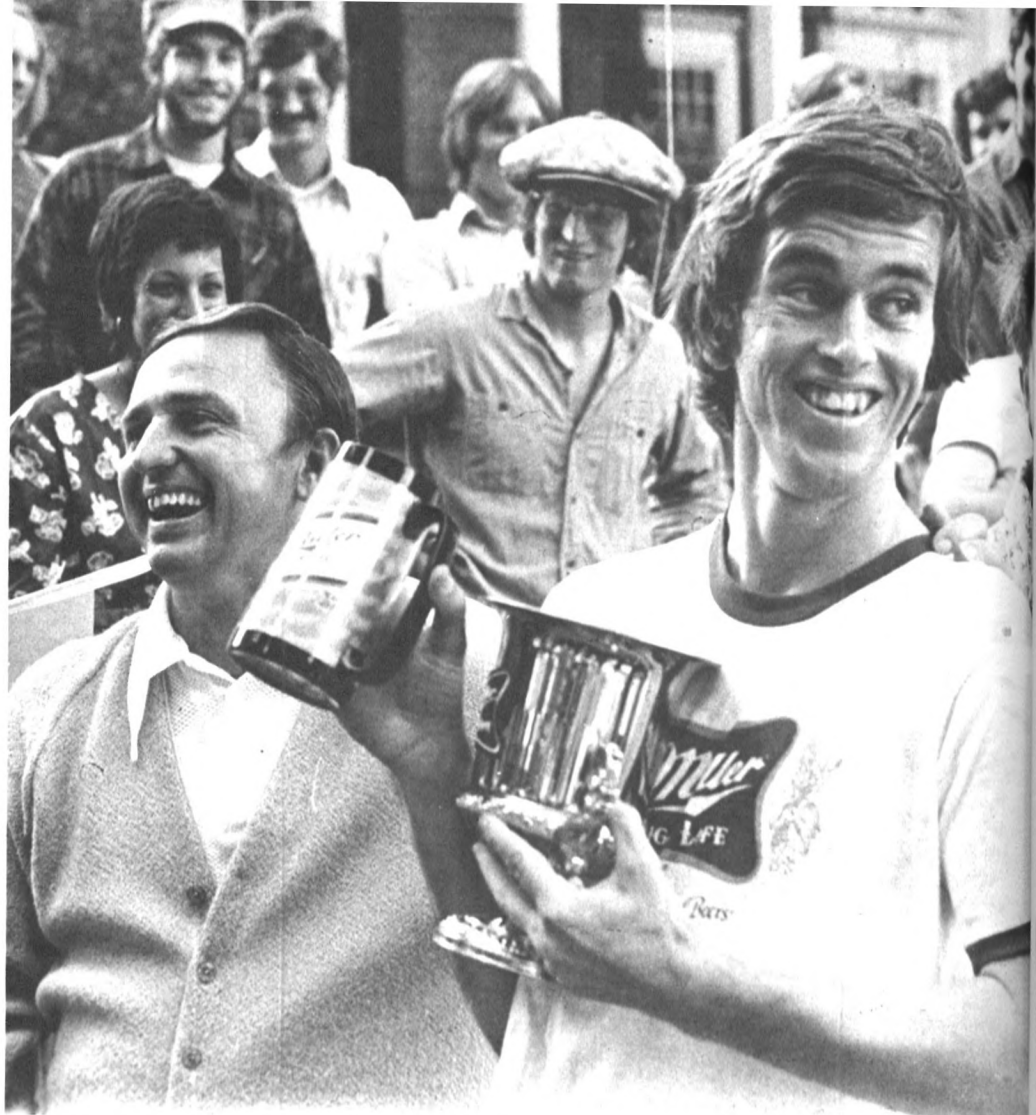
Although the registrar has statistics to the contrary, there is no average Tech student — just as Georgia Tech is no average University.



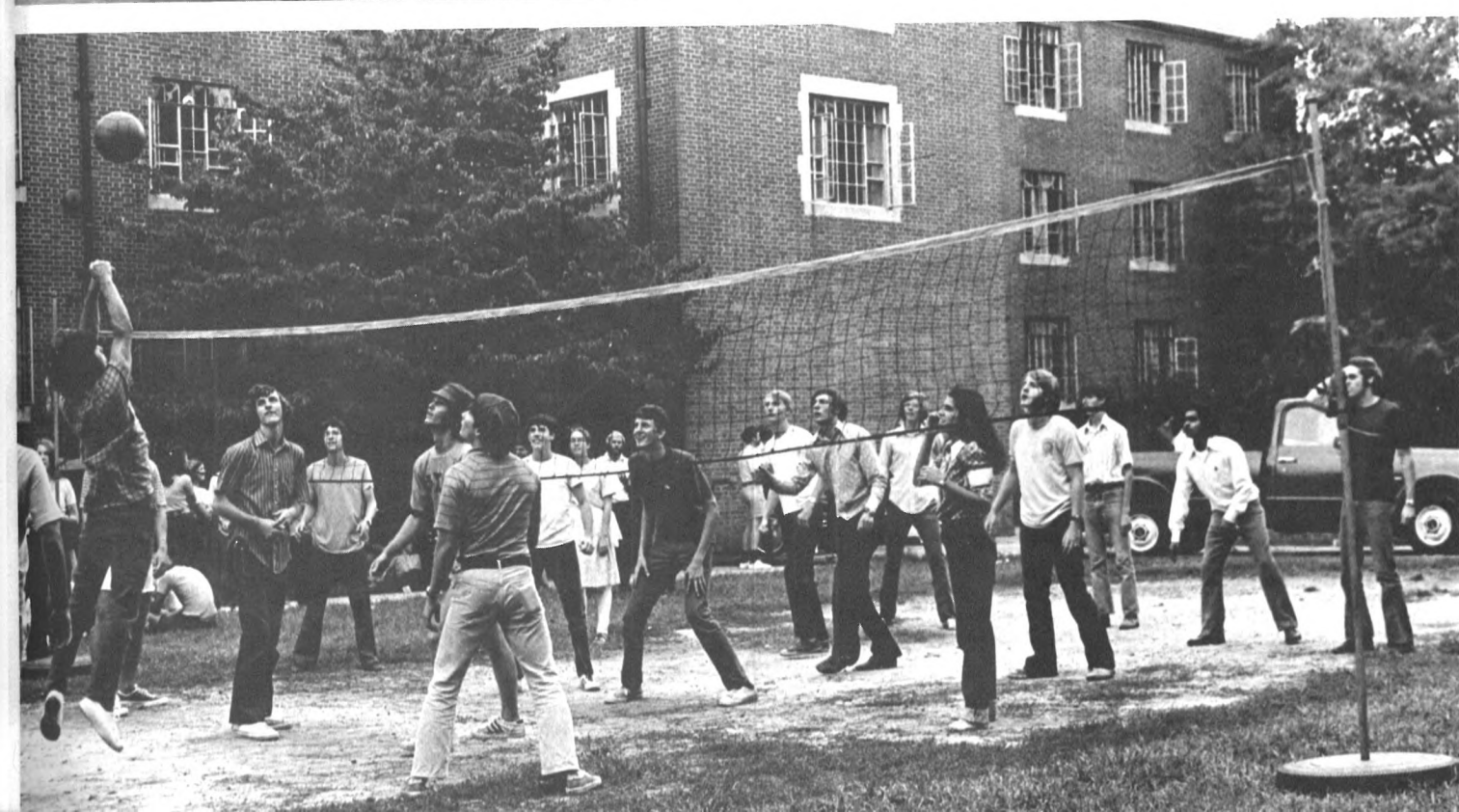
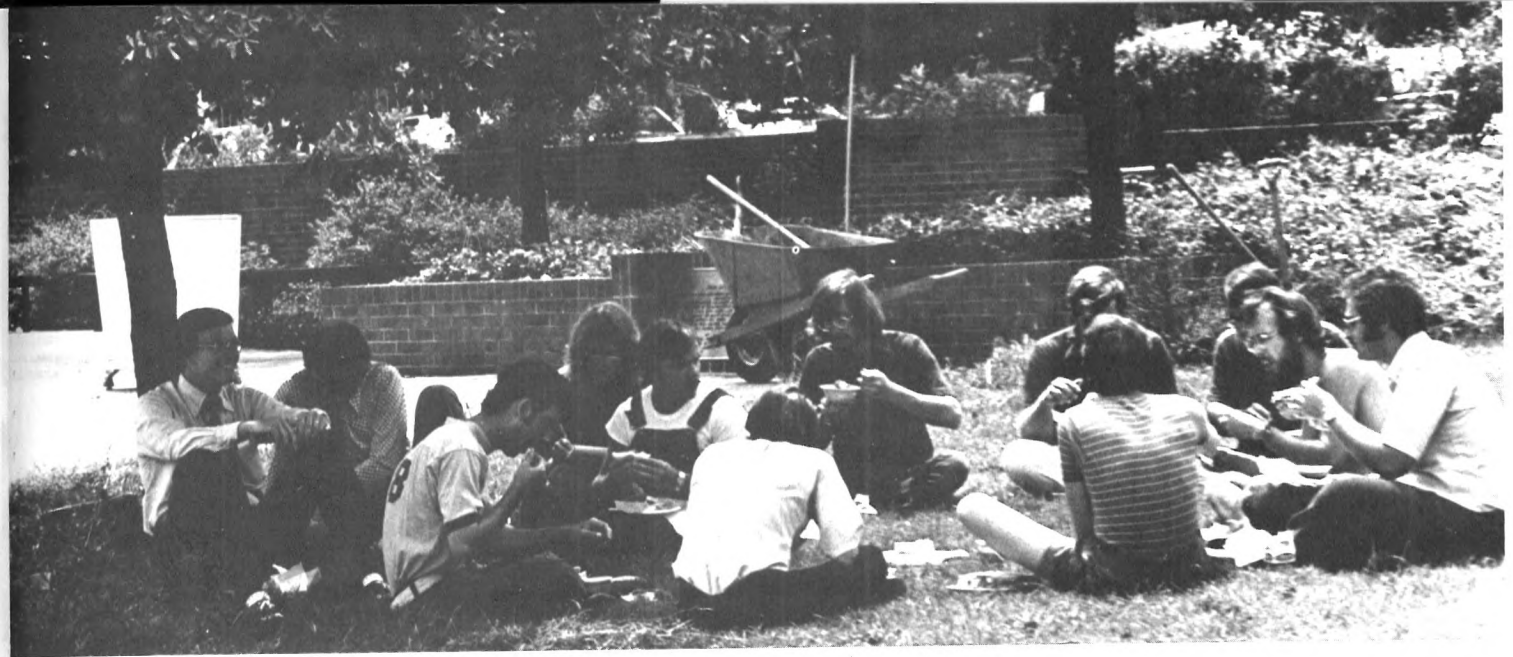


## Groups Aid Survival at Tech

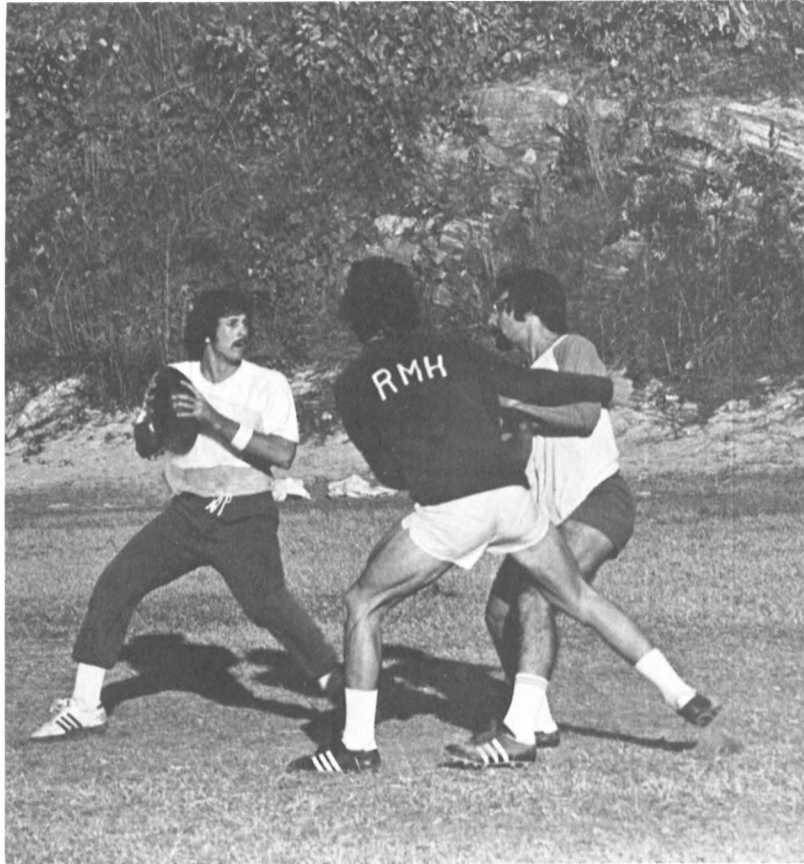
Because Georgia Tech presents such a bewildering array of opportunities and frustrations, it often takes a while for students to feel as if they are part of the school. At first it may seem that the various groups and activities are just more of the complex establishment, believing that the mere process of getting involved would only add to the hassles. But as time progresses Tech students inevitably find that activity groups are a good way to express creativity and to share in the common hassles of Tech with other students.











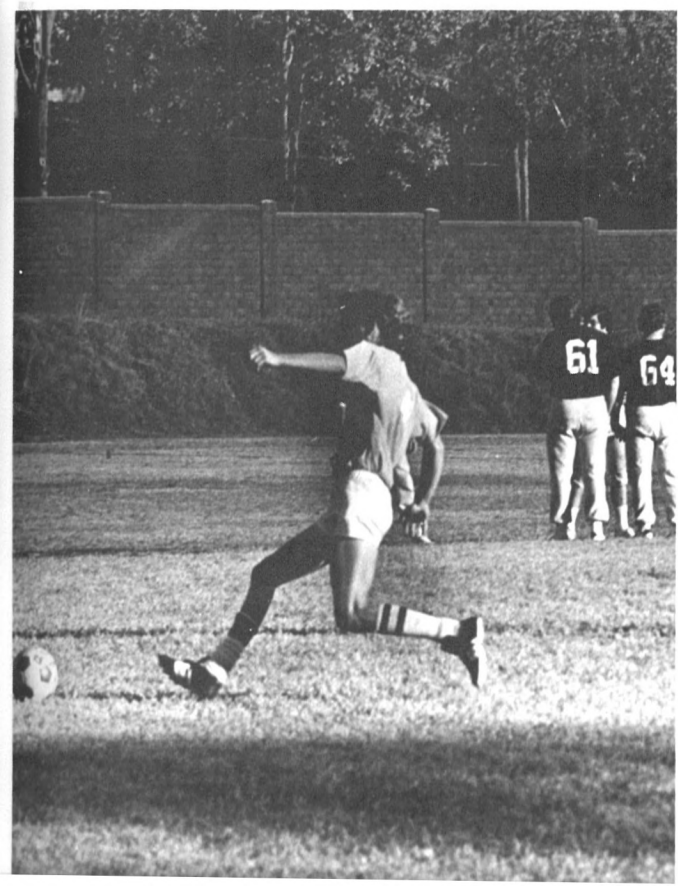




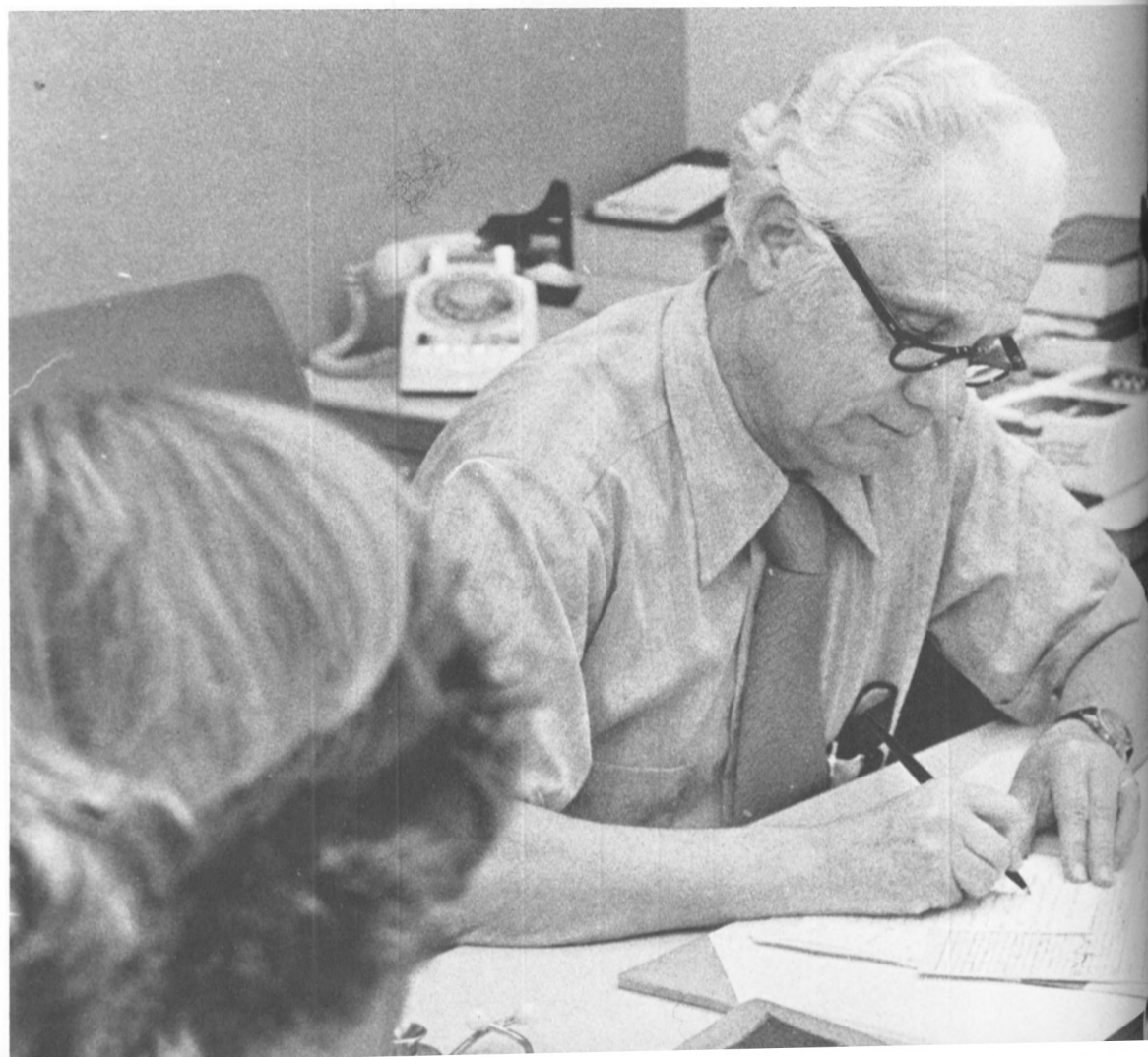
## Part-Time Jocks Dominate Intramurals

Intramural sports in general, and football in particular, appeal to many Techmen because they offer an escape from the life of a student, providing excitement, rivalry, competition, and good clean violence. Intramurals draw teams from Greeks, clubs and independents.

Rated by *Sports Illustrated* as the most violent college pastime in the United States, Georgia Tech intramural football has achieved distinction for the school. Intramural football has been the cause of many a broken leg and torn ligament, but a certain camaraderie is created between the cripples. This is another positive aspect of intramurals; they help to mend the student body.





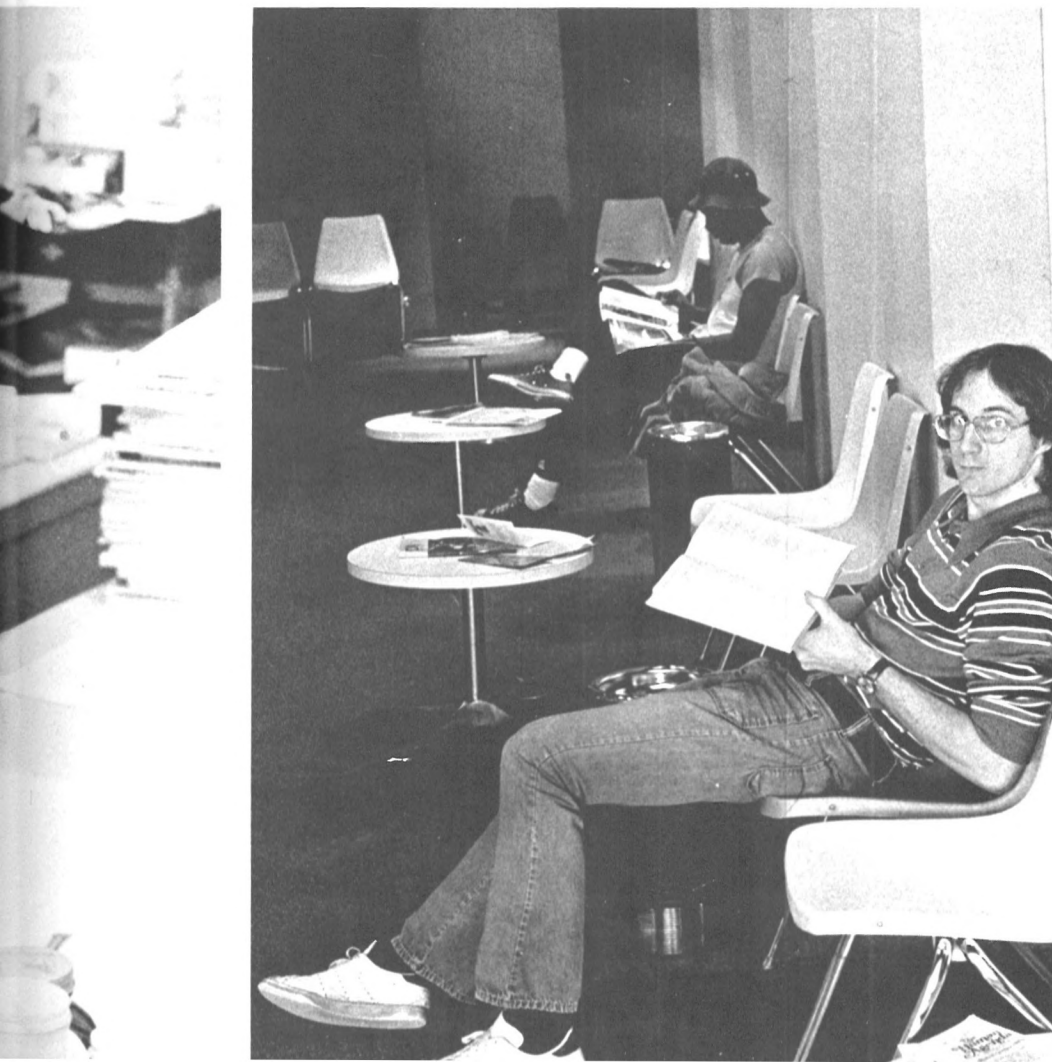




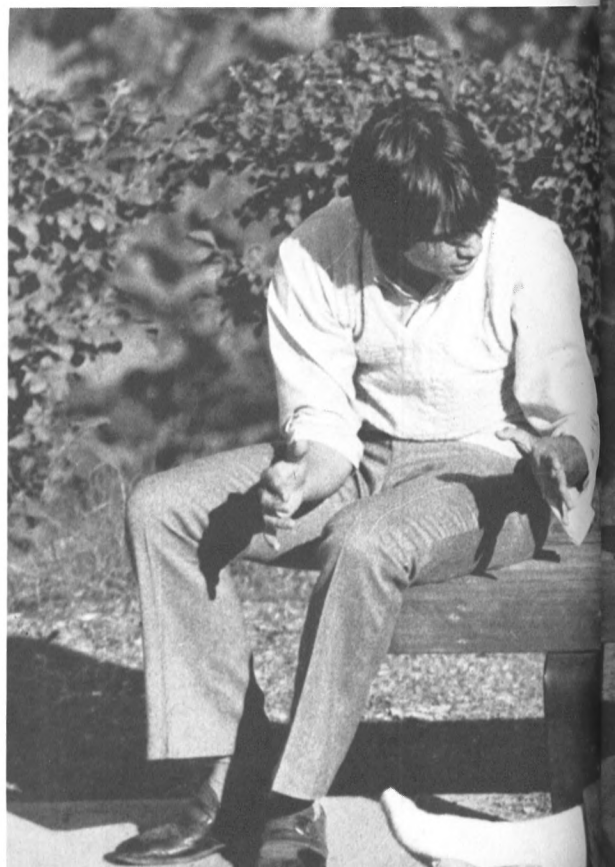
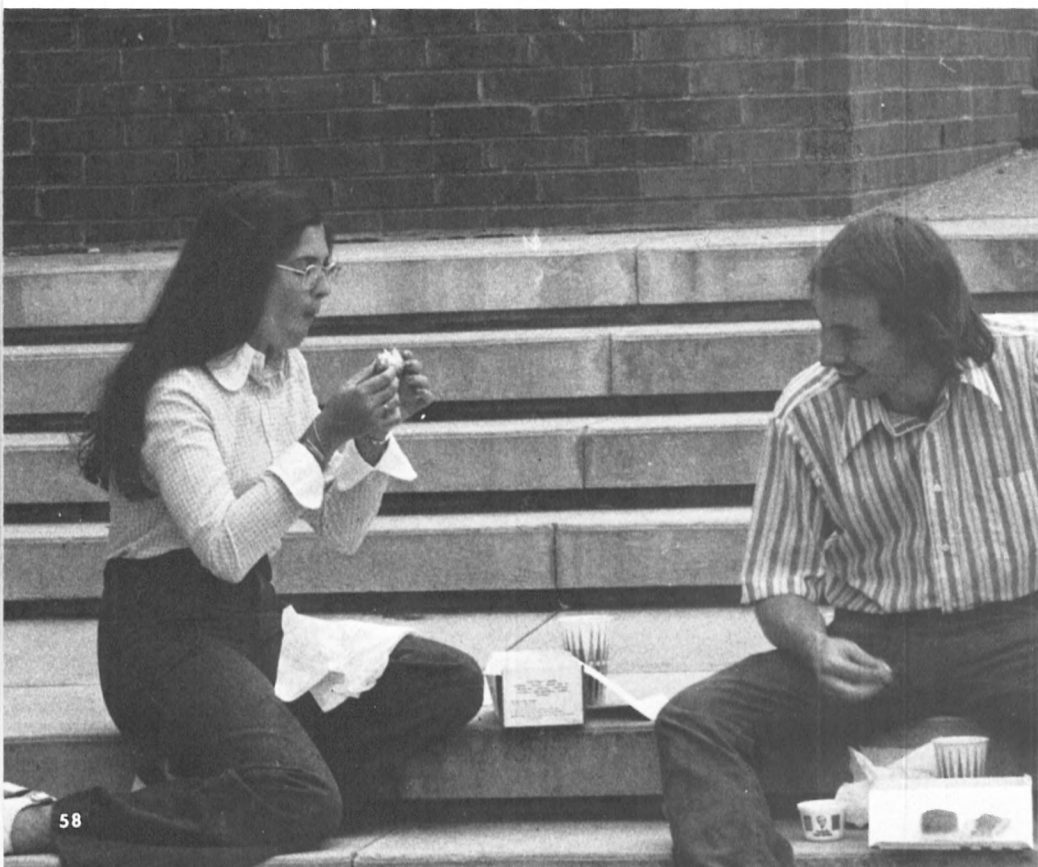
## Infirmary Repairs Ramblin' Recks

The Infirmary is a small two story building totally unknown to many Tech students. But for the nominal medical fee charged each quarter, students are entitled to its services. Several staff doctors are provided to administer treatment and medicine, and hospital care is available for a mere dollar per day and a dollar per meal.

Although the Infirmary is deemed insufficient by many, in times of sickness or pain it can be a welcome service.









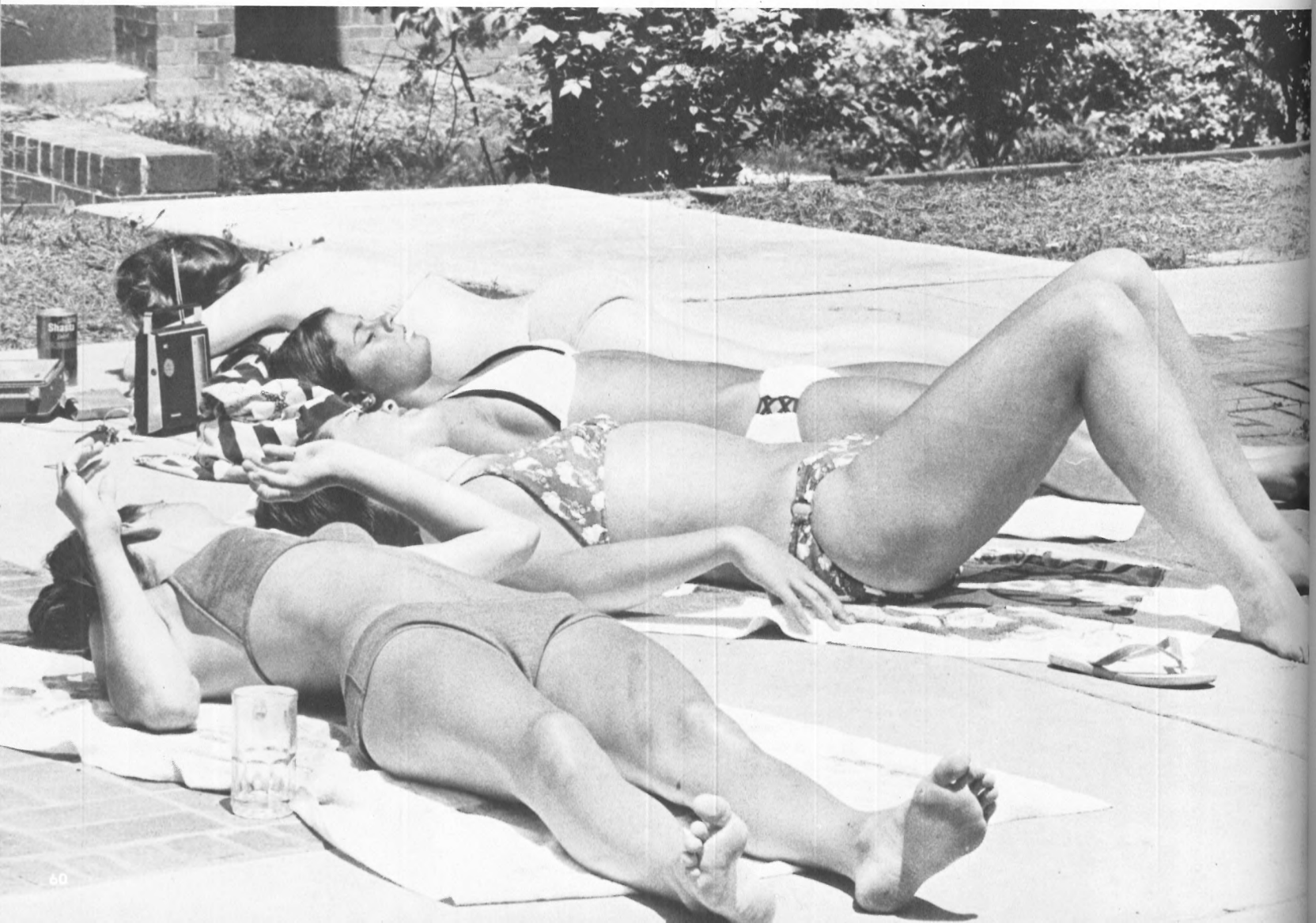
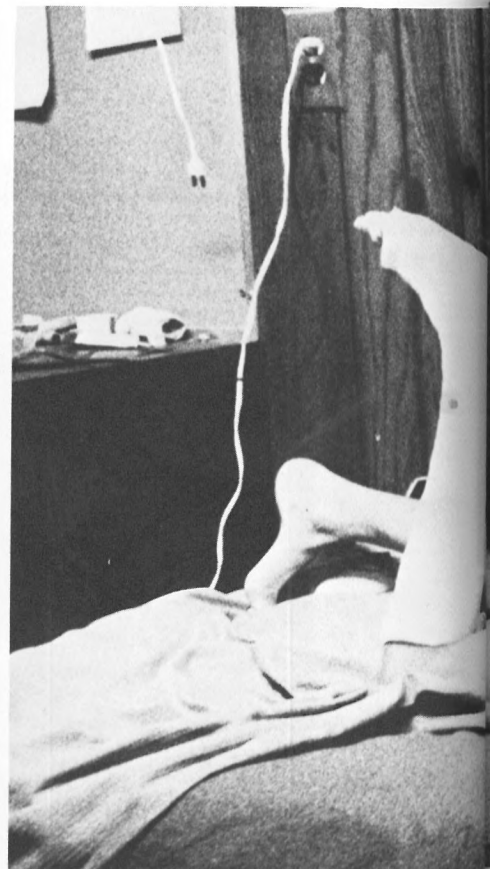
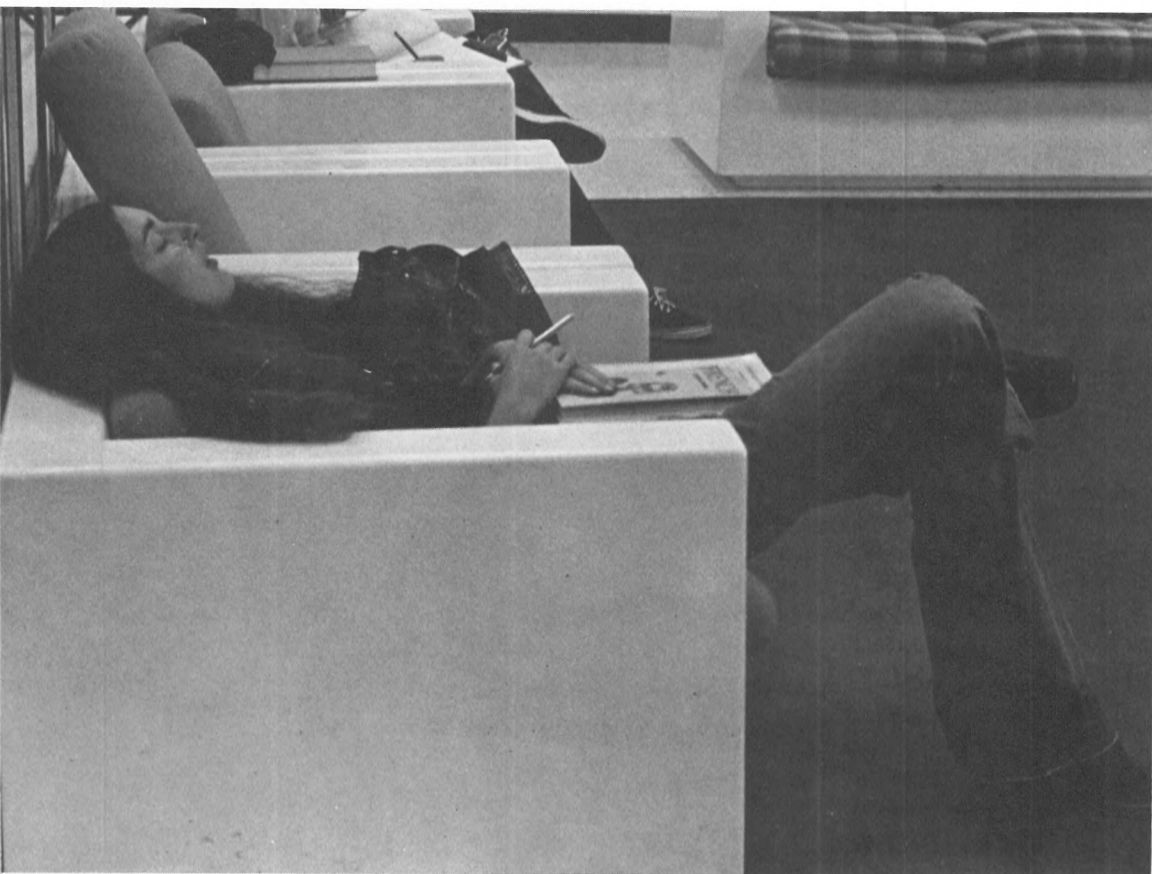
## Girls: To Some Still an Oddity



Being a girl at Tech is being the only girl in a class where no one dares to sit closer than three seats away, being stared at but never spoken to, and being continually bombarded with the harrowing phrase, "typical Tech coed." It is wondering in which classes you do not have a chance and which profs give grades proportional to dress length. It's the choice of spending endless hours waiting for the Stinger or deciding to walk to area three, either through the muck or the long way around. It's eating at the beloved "B K Steakhouse" across the street or cooking with odds and ends and washing dishes in the bathroom sink. And on the Hill, the ultimate relief is finally discovering a girl's bathroom, even though it still says janitor on the door. But after many dateless weekends spent in the dorm, it suddenly becomes all worthwhile when at one of those all-too-few frat parties, you are asked, "Are you from Massey?" And you can proudly answer, "I am a Tech coed."

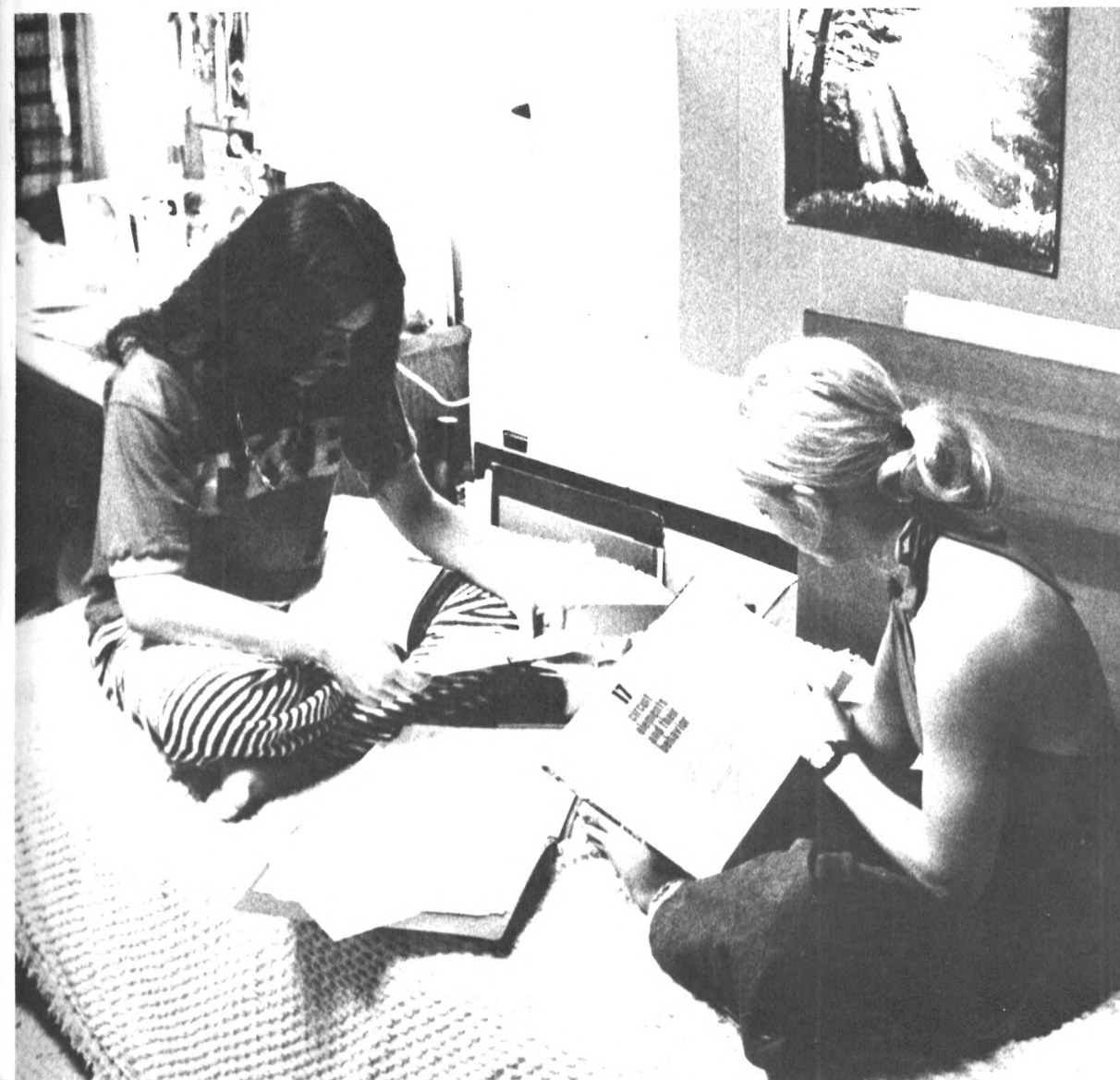




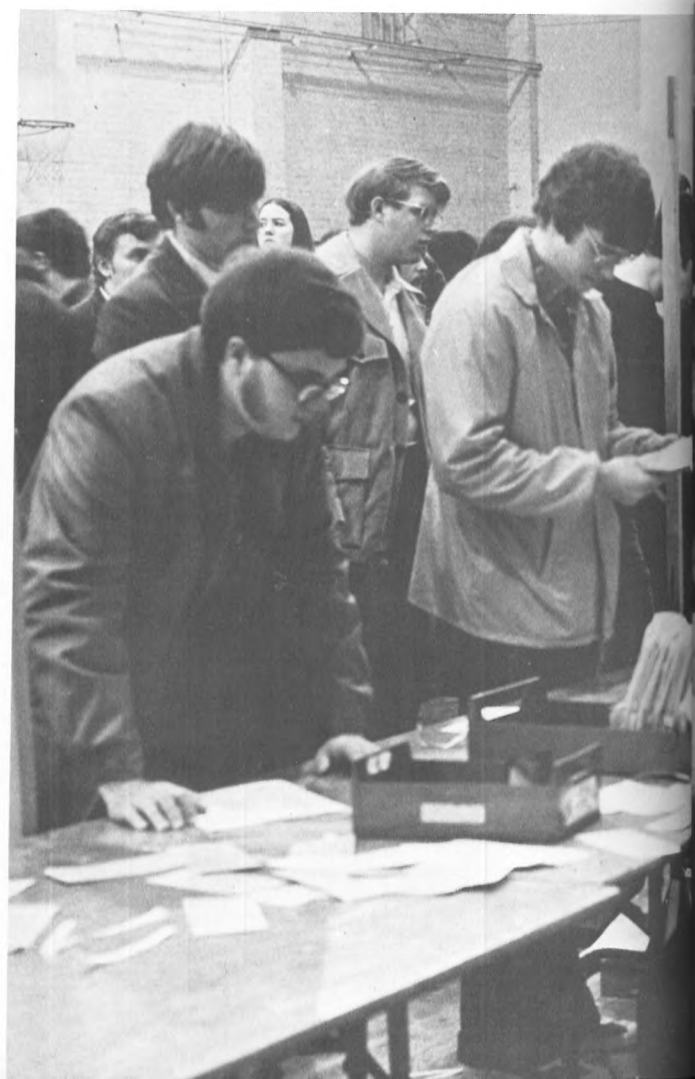
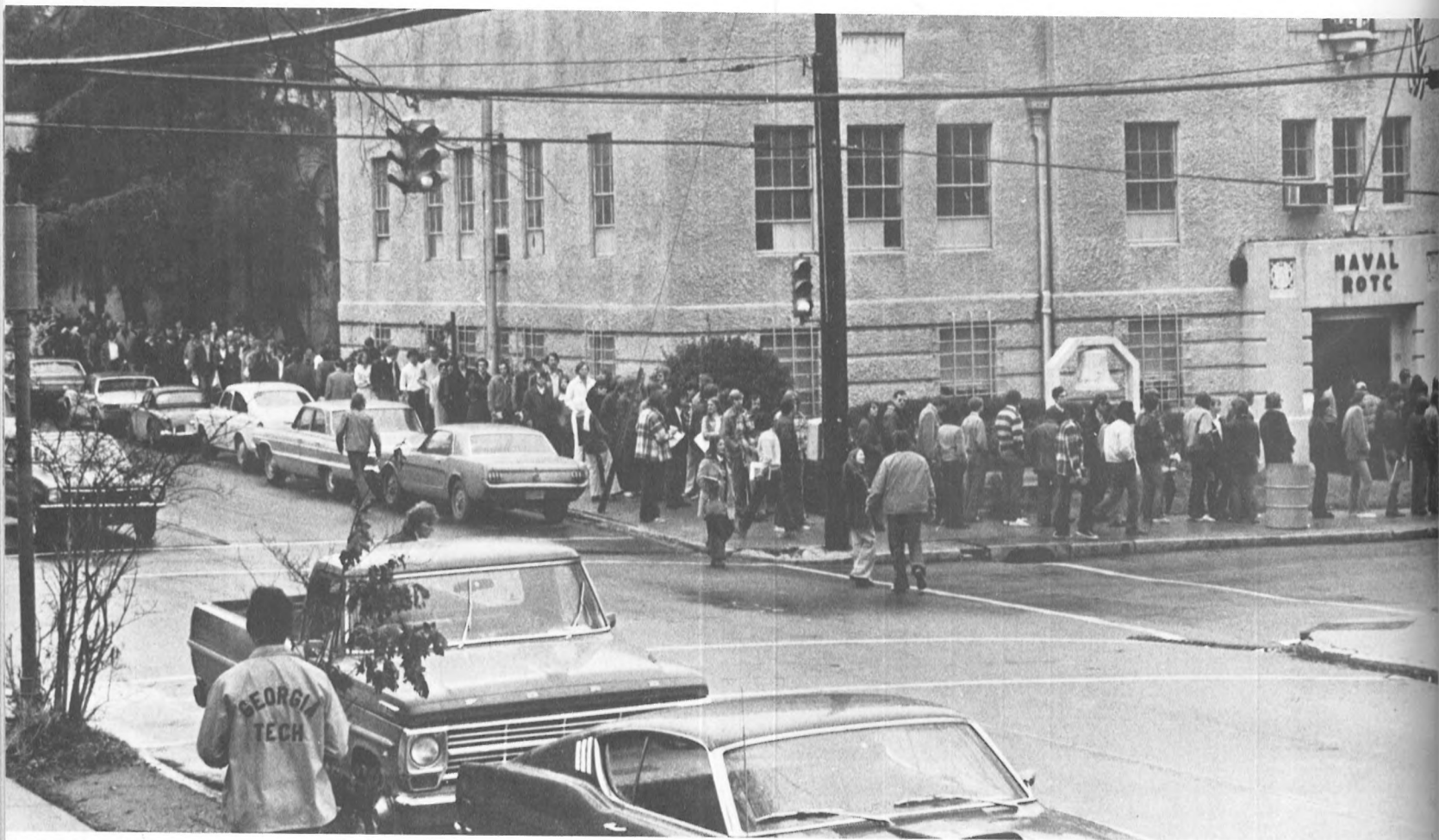




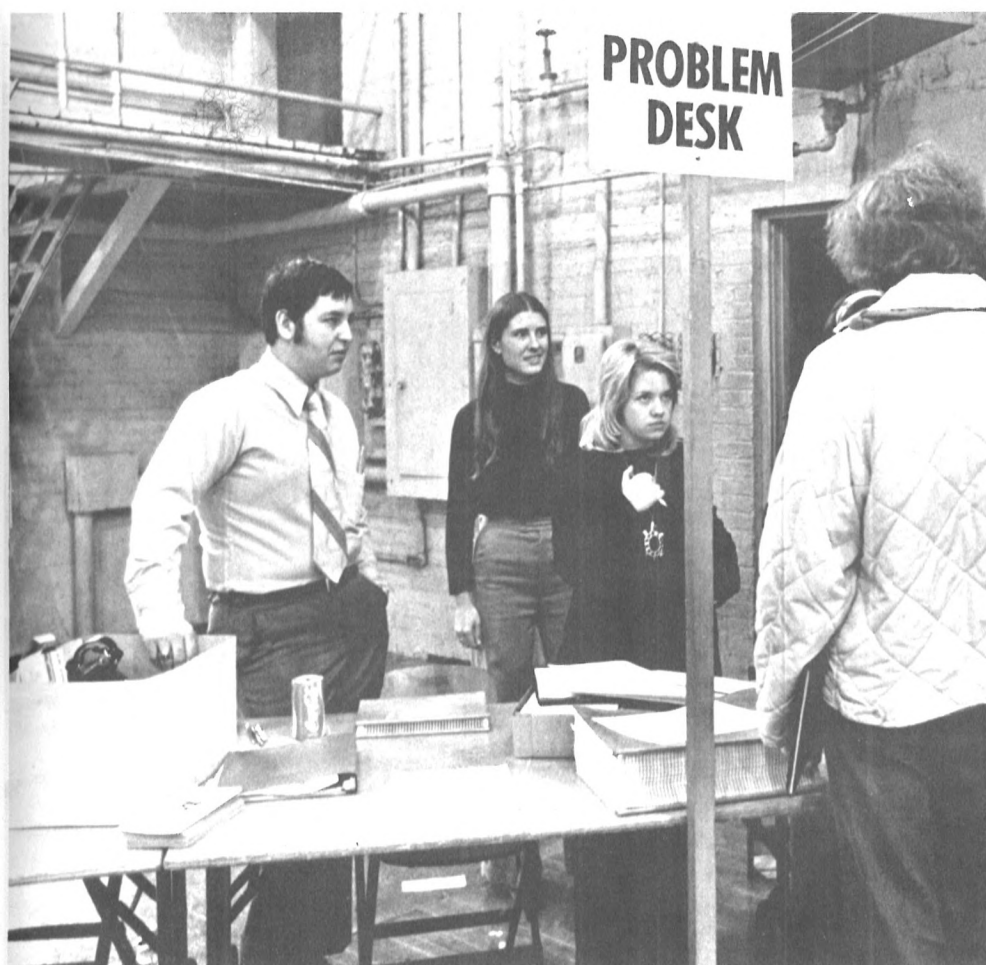
## Tech Coeds Are Girls, Too











## Registration: A Forecast of Things to Come

Registration day is the first test of the patience and endurance of the Tech student. Usually cursed by rain, registration is often complicated by incomplete computer schedules and uncooperative advisors.

Best known for endless lines, closed-out courses, and massive frustration, registration is often seen as a forecast of things to come.





## Georgia Tech and Atlanta:

The "Information for Prospective Students" catalogue says that one of the better aspects of Georgia Tech is its location in Atlanta. With diversified activities and places such as Underground Atlanta and the Omni nearby, Tech students are never at a loss for things to do off-campus. For easy talk and a beer, there's always Lum's or Manuel's, and of course Techmen are often found at Emory and Agnes Scott.

Students inevitably find that there's much more to learning than textbooks and laboratories. Atlanta is a growing, vibrant city, and this spirit imparts a vitality to Tech that would be hard to match elsewhere. From entertainment to employment, from a small bar to a huge sports arena, Georgia Tech and Atlanta are indeed, "places to learn through living."





# Places to Learn Through Living









## "Campus" Includes Other Schools

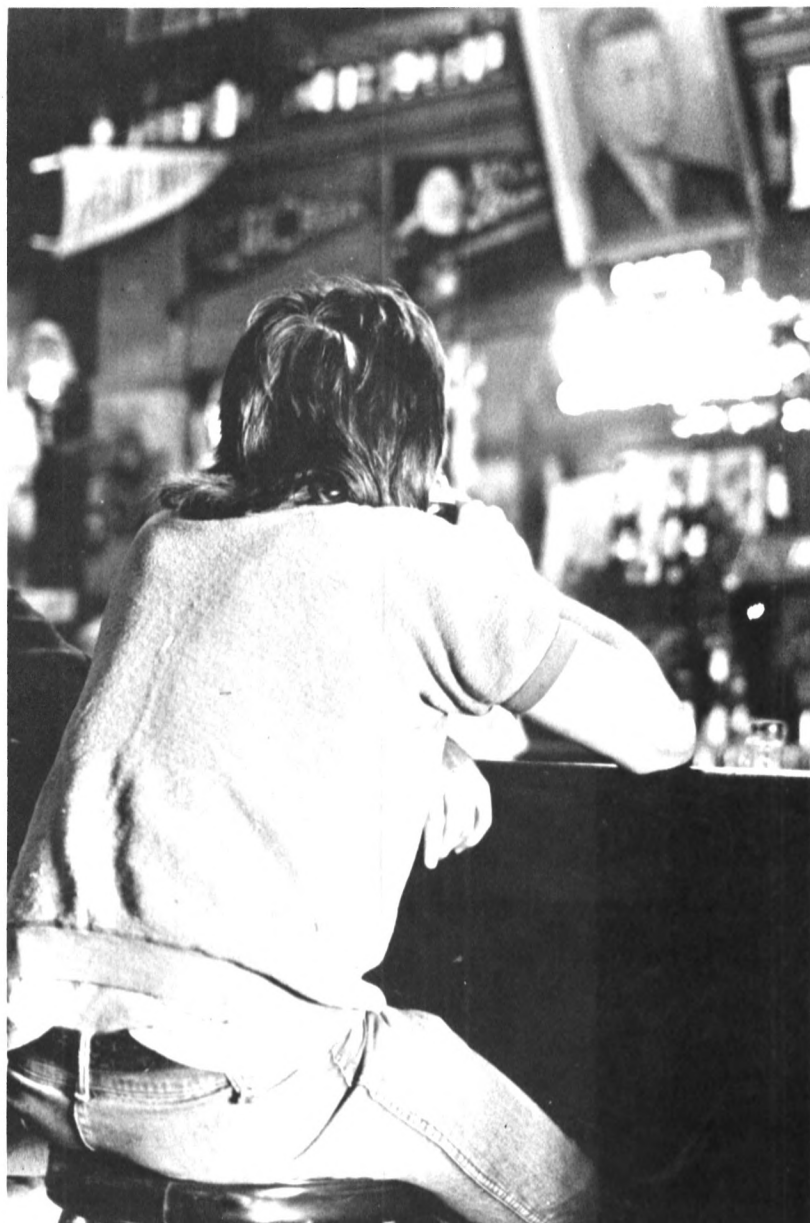




Bars and Taverns  
Offer Solace,  
Relaxation













Unique Atlanta Flavor Has Big-City Spirit









# Stores and Shops Exemplify Atlanta Variety . . .









... a Multitude of Places to Go, Things to See







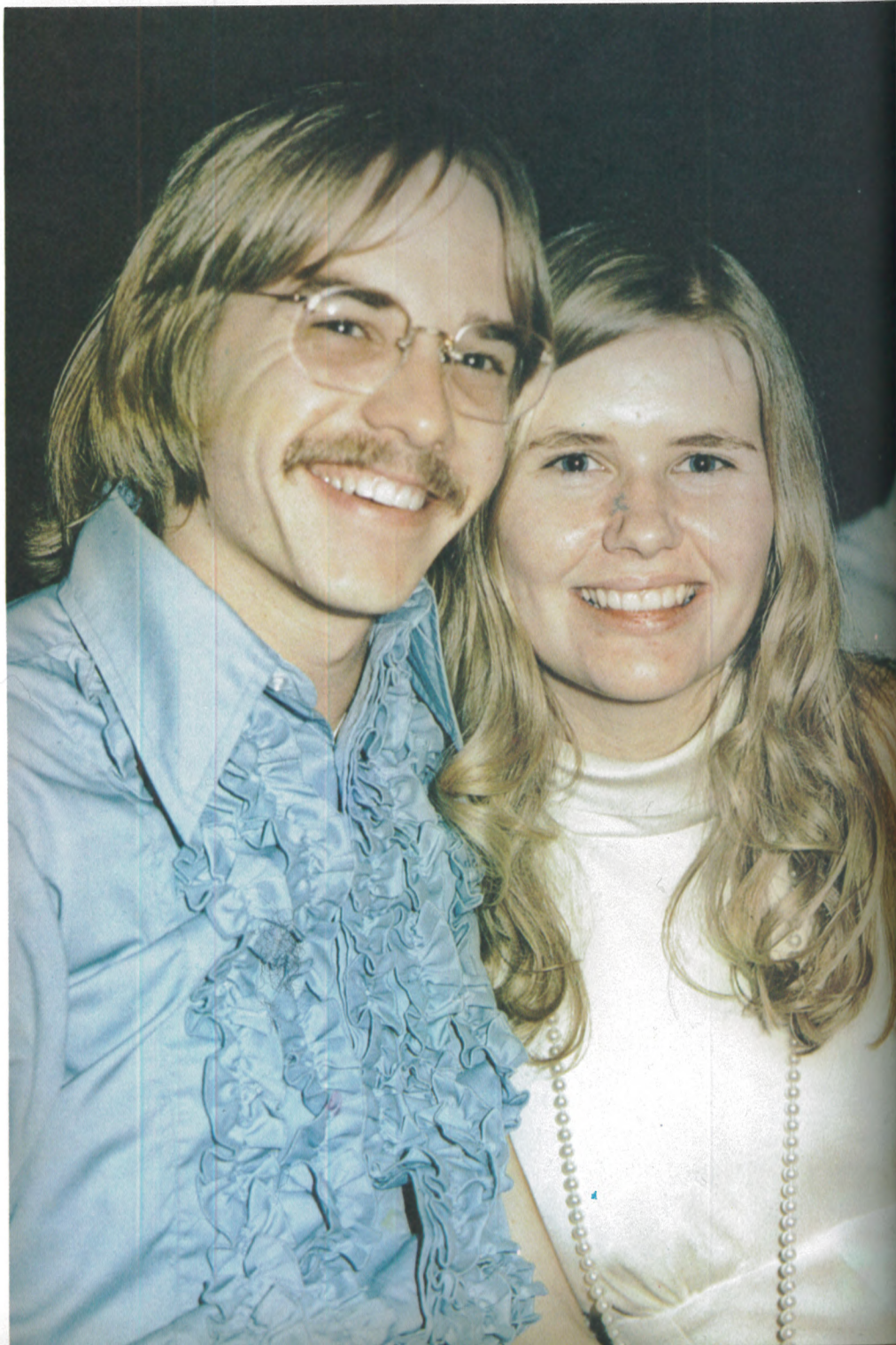




Off-Campus Jobs  
Contribute Experience  
(and Money)









Special Events  
Provide  
Special Memories